

# SHALL IT BE WAR FOR AMERICA?

{Text of Radio Address by Earl Browder, Communist Candidate for President}  
**People Must Speak Despite Election Ban, Browder Urges**

Friends and Fellow Americans:

Mr. Dreiser has eloquently expressed what millions of Americans are thinking tonight. These are the thoughts which unite the Communist Party at this moment with these millions. The all-important question before our country is this: Shall America

be plunged into the catastrophe of the imperialist war?

Candidate Willkie has charged that Roosevelt is leading us into the war. That is true, terribly true. The great majority of Americans want to stop this course. But it is also true that each and every step Roosevelt has taken in this direction has received the blessings of Willkie. Are the American people such political children that we shall believe the selfsame policy with Roosevelt leads to war while with Willkie it will maintain peace? But war is the result of policy, not of mistakes of individuals. And it is policy that is dragging our country swiftly into this war.

The two leading candidates have made it impossible to choose between war and peace by choosing between them. Roosevelt has proved in action that he is rushing America into war. He is restrained for the moment by the imminent election, in which the voters would strongly resent any war moves at this moment. Indeed, we may expect some spectacular "peace gestures" this week, for the one purpose to pacify a suspicious people. But his course is fixed, and Roosevelt will go "full speed ahead" once he has his mandate.

But Willkie has pledged himself to follow the same path. Once entrenched in power, Willkie will drive ruthlessly forward the program of imperialist reaction and war which Roosevelt drives forward ruthlessly now. There is but this small difference between them: Roosevelt is already in the driver's seat all set to go, while Willkie wants to occupy that same seat. To choose Willkie might mean, at most, to gain that time occupied in changing drivers, a few weeks or months at best. Truly a miserable choice for the sovereign American voters!

The radical remedy needed for this situation is a Labor Party. This is now too late for the Nov. 5th balloting, but it is not too early to speak of it for future elections, assuming that all elections will not be abolished once the country gives a "mandate" for war. For this election only the Communist Party offers a channel for the Labor Party vote, for a clear alternative policy of a reasonable, realistic, rounded-out peace policy for America.

That is why Democrats and Republicans joined in violently and illegally driving the Communist Party off the ballot in twenty-four states. They want to leave the protest vote no place to go, no way to vote except for war. In Ohio and Illinois especially, where our Party is strong, they took our ticket off the ballot by force and fraud, in fear of the great anti-war vote which it would certainly have registered.

In New York, we have the shameful spectacle of Boss Flynn, campaign manager for Mr. Roosevelt, openly boasting that the Communist Party would be kept off the ballot to force its vote to go to Roosevelt, and then the courts obediently carried out his instructions; this is done in the face of a fourfold compliance with legal requirements of petition signatures, and in face of the fact that the Communist Party only lost its permanent place on the ballot because in 1938, it withdrew its candidate for Governor in favor of the Democrats, barely saving the State thereby from going Republican and electing Thomas E. Dewey. They pay us for that help by driving us off the ballot altogether. A terrible and sinister blow against free elections, when minority parties, any party, is wiped off the ballot by high-handed administrative edict, by deprivation from jobs, relief, and old age pensions, by threats of concentration camps, by trumped-up prosecutions and imprisonments, like the sending of the West Virginia farmer, Oscar Wheeler, to prison for fifteen years for gathering signatures to the Communist petitions. Every country that

## Greece Still Holds Back Italian Troops

People Rally to Repel Invader; Slight Gains Made at Border

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (UP).—Greece's defending forces were reported, on the nation's second day at war, to be holding the Italian mechanized forces to scant gains along the Albanian border and there was no talk of anything but a final fight to preserve the nation's independence.

The Greek people were rallying and vast throngs gathered in the streets as trucks and commandeered taxicabs sped through the streets to the front with soldiers.

The streets were crowded day-long with cheering crowds and thousands gathered in Constitution Square near the palace where staff officers and government ministers came and went constantly.

Twenty British aviators, who had been interned in Greece after being forced down on Greek soil, were released today and were carried through the streets on the shoulders of Greeks.

A group of Venizelist officers, all crack fighters but dismissed for their part in the 1935 revolt against King George, appealed to the monarch and Premier Metaxas to put political squabbles aside and send them to the front "in this gravest hour."

## REVOLT IMPEDES ITALIAN TROOPS

BELGRADE, Oct. 29 (UP).—A spreading Albanian revolt tonight was reported to be impeding the attempt of Italian motorized columns to strike across Greece and seize Salonika to "lock the door to the Balkans" before British forces can occupy the strategic Aegean port.

There were reports that British troops had landed at Salonika as well as on the islands of Crete, Cephalonia and Corfu, but these lacked confirmation and London denied them.

Frontier reports tonight said all of southern Albania was torn by the anti-Italian revolt, which raged fiercest in the Kurvelles district.

Albanian rebels were said to have attacked an Italian military post at Progonat, with bombs, killing four and wounding many, while other rebels cut telephone lines over the entire area including military lines between Santi Quaranti and Argirokastro.

## ROME REPORTS STRONG ADVANCE

ROME, Oct. 29 (UP).—Greek defense lines in the Kourilas sector along the Albanian frontier collapsed today after a fierce 30-hour battle, and Italian mechanized forces smashed eastward toward the vital Salonika naval base on the Aegean, according to Rome dis-

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## Greek Minister Talks With Molotov

MOSCOW, Oct. 29 (UP).—Greek Minister Diamantopoulos conferred with Andrei Vyshinsky, first vice-commissioner of foreign affairs under Vyacheslav M. Molotov, while the Soviet press and radio remained neutral in regard to Italy's invasion of Greece and the spread of the war to the Balkans.

Before his talk with Vyshinsky the Greek ambassador conferred with the Turkish minister, Halid Akay.

## Theodore Dreiser Introduces Browder to Radio Audience-- Wants Peace, Will Vote for Browder

The following is the text of a speech by Theodore Dreiser, famous American novelist, last night at 10:45 introducing Earl Browder, Communist Candidate for President, over a national hook-up of 103 stations on the Mutual Broadcasting System. Dreiser spoke from Station KHJ in Hollywood, Calif.

I am here because like millions of other Americans I don't like dictators, and I don't like to have anyone dictate to me. We are supposed to be a free people and we are supposed to have freedom of choice in an election.

I happen to know that in this particular election, we

are being robbed of that freedom of choice, tricked out of the right to decide our own destiny by the corporations and the men who own and control the industries and banks of the country.

Every man and woman in the country is concerned about whether or not we are going to be dragged into a war at a bloody cost to our people. That's what people are talking about in the cities, the towns, and at the villages,

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THEODORE DREISER

## Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Free Elections, Bars New York Communist Party From Ballot

### Draft Drawing Begins; First Call November 18

Mother's Stifled Screams Mark Ceremony in Capital as Son's Number Comes Up First—Fate of 17,000,000 Youth at Stake

The fate of 17,000,000 American men yesterday, and far into the night last night, was being drawn from 9,000 little blue capsules.

The drawing in Washington was accompanied by much fanfare. Newsreel cameras ground, radio announcers and

aphorisms surrounded the scene, and flashlight bulbs exploded as Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number. It was 158.

The newspapers were filled with columns of descriptive type about the drawings and columns of figures—numbers each meaning thousands of names and each bearing the issue of life or death for American men between the ages of 21 and 35.

Many of the newspapers used such phrases as the "democratic method" and the "free lottery." "The real human drama of life and death penetrated the elaborate show in the Departmental Auditorium in the stifled scream of a woman.

MOTHER SEES DRAWING Mrs. Mildred C. Bell had come to see if the number of her 21-year-old son Robert would be called. It was the first one drawn by Secretary Stimson and as President Roosevelt read it aloud Mr. Bell was unable to keep back her emotion.

The New York Sun reported in a headline: "Drafted Men Stirred by Call—Common Reaction to Lottery Here Is to Regret That Fate Picked Them Out." The story underneath said:

"The common reaction of all whose numbers were drawn was to become serious and to regret that fate had picked them out."

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## Strike Shuts Down Republic Rubber Co. Plant

(Special to the Daily Worker)

YOUNGSTOWN, Oct. 29.—Seven hundred striking workers shut down the Republic Rubber Co. plant here yesterday in a walk-out for a union contract and increased wages following refusal of the company to recognize a victory of the United Rubber Workers Union in a recently conducted National Labor Relations Board plant election.

The local union called the strike against the advice of the Hillmanite leadership of the Rubber Workers International Union.

## N. Y. CIO Backs Neither Candidate

Body Representing 400,000 Supports John L. Lewis

The Executive Board of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, jointly with general presidents of CIO unions who are resident in New York last night unanimously adopted a statement upholding John L. Lewis' leadership, and his criticism of President Roosevelt, but gave support to neither candidate.

The Greater New York Council represents affiliates with a total membership estimated at 400,000.

The statement follows: "While recognizing that we as the Executive Board of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council cannot take the responsibility of endorsing either of the Presidential candidates, we declare that we support the leadership of John L. Lewis and his condemnation of the present administration.

"We hold that the committing of America to a war policy is direct defiance of the wishes of the

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## St. Louis Strike Wins Pact with 120 Companies

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—A general strike of 15,000 American Federation of Labor construction workers ended today. John J. Church, secretary of the Building Trades Council, announced the labor holiday had resulted in agreements with 120 non-union contractors in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

## Prosecutor Misinformed Witnesses in Penna. Ballot Cases, Defense Charges

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29.—A startling disclosure of the methods used by the District Attorney's office in securing indictments against the 43 workers arrested here in connection with their efforts to place the Communist Party on the ballot was made today. The disclosure came shortly before the defense's last witness and indicated that the District Attorney's office had questioned Grand Jury witnesses improperly.

It was immediately made the basis for a motion to dismiss the cases of the 30 now on trial. Judge Graff took the motion under advisement.

Samuel A. Neuburger, defense counsel, shortly before the defense rested characterized the indictments as invalid on the grounds that they were improperly and illegally secured.

He charged the District Attorney's office with deliberately misrepresenting the facts in an effort to secure indictments against the men and women who circulated the Communist nominating petitions in Allegheny County.

The District Attorney was shown by the minutes of the Grand Jury investigation to have told petition signers that it was wrong for them to have signed a Communist petition when they were registered

Democrats or Republicans. This is completely at variance with the state election laws which permits a qualified voter, regardless of party registration, to sign the petition of a minority party.

The disclosure was made as a result of assistant District Attorney Langfitt's cross-examination of defense witnesses Jack Kaplan. After testifying that he is not a Communist but that he had signed the petition and that he knew what he was signing, Kaplan told the court that his wife had testified incorrectly at the Grand Jury investigation because "she was confused and

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## Highest State Tribunal OK's Legion Raid on Election Rights

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Oct. 29.—The State Court of Appeals today ruled the Communist Party off the New York State ballot.

The highest court of the state sustained the arbitrary ruling of Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray which the Communist Party and liberals had described as turning the state's election into virtually a Hitler ballot.

The Court of Appeals sustained the lower court and Appellate Division on the pretense that an insufficient number of signatures was found valid in Greene County, in spite of the fact that 154 signers in that county testified that they had signed, had received Communist literature, and had talked with the canvassers on various planks of the Communist platform.

## HELD AS VALID

The Court of Appeals handed down the decision in face of an opinion by the two dissenting judges in the Appellate Division who found that the "petitions" plainly disclosed that they were nominations by the Communist Party and that the disputed signatures in Greene County are "by common law valid."

In effect the two Appellate Division judges declared that there cannot be such a thing as "withdrawal" or "repudiation" of signatures as claimed by the American Legion.

The so-called "repudiations" now OK'd by the high court were obtained by Legionnaires operating in storm-troop fashion by means of a concentrated and widely organized campaign of terror.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals did declare, however, that the Legion's similar case in Franklin County cannot be sustained.

The Appeals Court said: "In our opinion the evidence does not sustain the findings that there were not fifty valid signatures in Franklin County, that we find substantial evidence to maintain the findings in regards to Greene County. All agree."

## LEGION MANEUVER

The judges who put their seal to the sweeping ruling are: Chief Justice Irving Lehman, brother of Governor Lehman, Harlan W. Rippey, John T. Loughran, Edmund H. Lewis, Charles B. Sears, Edward R. Finch and Albert Conway.

Thus, 42,700 signers of petitions, for a party that drew 106,000 votes in the last statewide election, are disfranchised on a claim that in Greene County, where altogether less than 16,000 votes are cast, there were not 50 valid signatures on the petition.

The law requires that each of the state's counties must give a mini-

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**Soviet Russia's New Flying Boat:** A cantilever monoplane, designed for service in river and lake districts, photographed during one of its tests. The amphibian, which accommodates four passengers in addition to its crew, is powered by an air-cooled engine and is equipped with dual controls. Its flight range is 1,200 kilometers.

## Yugoslavian Ship's Crew Saved by USSR

Rescue in Black Sea Brings Gratitude of Yugoslavian Gov't

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—A true story of the rescue of shipwrecked sailors in the Black Sea, in which Soviet aviators and seamen rescued an entire Yugoslavian ship's crew from death, has just been made public here—a bit of international brotherhood strongly contrasting with the spreading war deaths in the Balkan area.

The Yugoslavian steamer Vido, carrying a cargo from Istanbul to Brailov, sank on Oct. 6 near the Rumanian coast. The vessel's crew took to lifeboats.

Later, the pilot of a Soviet hydroplane discovered and reported the drifting seamen, and a Soviet cutter was dispatched to rescue them. The crew of the Vido was brought safely to Vilkovo, a Soviet Black Sea port.

The Yugoslavian minister to Moscow, Gavrilovich called on Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Vyshinsky on Oct. 25 and asked Vyshinsky to convey to the Government of the USSR the gratitude of the Yugoslavian Government.

## British Shipping Losses Reach Record High

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—British shipping losses during the week ending Oct. 21 were the greatest in either this war or the last, the Admiralty revealed today in announcing the sinking of 32 ships aggregating 146,528 tons.

In April, 1917, at the peak of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare the average weekly losses in British shipping amounted to 120,500 tons.

Naval experts attributed the sharp rise to the German use of new ocean-going submarines.

The week's losses also included seven Allied ships aggregating 24,586 tons and six neutral vessels amounting to 26,818 tons. Thus the total British, Allied and neutral losses for the week were below the weekly average of April, 1917, which was 212,000 tons.

The heavy losses boosted Britain's grand total for the war above 2,000,000 tons.

## British Warmongers on Tour of South America

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 29 (UP).—Col. C. G. Vickers, who visited South American capitals on a British government mission arrived last night enroute to Havana.

Although the purpose of his mission was not disclosed, it was said that Vickers was sent to South America to give British communities there a first hand picture of Great Britain's war effort.

## U. S. Marine Officers In Shanghai Ordered Into Defense Area

SHANGHAI, Oct. 29 (UP).—Col. DeWitt Peck, commanding the Fourth Regiment, U. S. Marines, today ordered all officers who live outside the International Settlement's American defense sector to move immediately within the American zone.

Dependents of all marines stationed here and elsewhere in China will be sent home before Nov. 15 in accord with a Navy ruling.

## 78 Japanese Schools Shut in Brazil Province

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 29 (UP).—Seventy-eight Japanese schools in the State of Sao Paulo were closed by the authorities this year, according to a dispatch published today in O Globo.

The report said the authorities seized school equipment, books, maps of the state of Sao Paulo, Japanese literature and photographs.

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patches from Albania. Reports of a battle between British and Italian forces on the Greek island of Corfu, off the heel of the Italian boot, were heard in Rome but could not be confirmed in any authoritative quarters.

The Italian High Command, in its communique today, announced for the first time that Italian troops were invading Greek territory and said that since dawn Monday the fascist forces had penetrated into Greece at several points. Albania's southern provinces were formally declared to be in a state of war with Greece today—24 hours after the start of the Italian march.

## BRITISH RAID ITALIAN AIR BASE

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—British naval planes of the Mediterranean fleet were reported tonight to have made a devastating raid on Malteza, capital of the island of Stampalia, in the Italian-occupied Dodecanese group, the Italian air base nearest to Athens.

An Admiralty communique said plants of the fleet air arm hit and damaged seaplanes in their slips at Malteza, set fire to a hangar and dropped a number of bombs on barracks and an ammunition dump. Heavy explosions at the latter objective were said to have continued for some time after the raiders left the area.

## TURKEY AND GREECE IN CLOSE CONTACT

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 29 (UP).—Turkey maintained constant telephone consultations with Greece today.

The exchange of information between Turkey and Greece undoubtedly was an offshoot of the Turkish-Greek treaty signed in 1938 stipulating that in case one of the two fell subject to aggression, the other would use all its efforts to remedy the situation. Furthermore, the treaty held, the parties would undertake to examine the situation together to seek a solution.

The only specific announcements were negative—that Greece had not asked Turkey for aid, and that Turkey had not declared war on Italy.

## GERMAN PRESS HAILS INVASION

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—The German press declared tonight that Germany and Italy are about to move against the "last hangers-on" of British supporters in Europe.

The press hailed the Italian invasion of Greece as the beginning of an Axis move for the "solution of Mediterranean problems," but cautiously refrained from hinting what Germany's part in such a solution might be.

Greece was characterized in the press as "another victim of British guarantees."

## TOKIO, Oct. 29 (UP).—Tokio newspapers reported today that the government probably would withhold its "concrete attitude" regarding the Italo-Greek war for the time being but predicted it would offer its full cooperation to its ally, Italy.

MADRID, Oct. 29 (UP).—Fourteen British warships entered Gibraltar from the Mediterranean last night, a Mencheta news agency dispatch said today.

PATRAS, Greece, Oct. 29 (UP).—Steel-helmeted troops and police cordoned off the Italian quarter of Patras today to protect the largest Italian colony in Greece from angry throngs after yesterday's mass anti-Italian demonstrations. Military precautions were taken against incidents during mass funerals for victims of yesterday's air raid.

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## Many Reported Killed in Paris Power Blast

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Soviet sporting and training planes are inseparably associated with the name of Alexander Yakovlev, whose planes have established over fifteen international records. Yakovlev today combines a leading executive post in the aviation industry with creative work in warplane designing.

Vladimir Klimov and Alexander Mikulin have distinguished themselves in designing and building airplane engines which are notable for high power, effectiveness at high altitudes, and low cost of operation. The reputation Soviet airplanes have achieved is in large measure due to the high type engines designed by these two men, now—like the other seven—honored by the title, Hero of Socialist Labor.

In writing of these distinguished Soviet workers, Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., says in part:

"The happy destiny of many Soviet workers in the field of science and technique offers striking testimony as to how the care of the Party and the Government helps the foremost people of Soviet society to discover their talents and develop them. Every capable person in the Soviet country may calmly pursue his endeavors, knowing that all values created by him will benefit the country and the people.

"In capitalist countries millions

port in England, and Birmingham, important industrial center.

"The strengthening of London's anti-aircraft defense was accomplished some time ago at the expense of other districts of the country and has obviously weakened the anti-aircraft protection of some cities.

"It is possible that in connection with the prolongation of the war, the Germans have now set themselves the aim of upsetting the activity of the entire British industry. As a result of fierce bombing, serious damage has been caused in the industrial districts of central and northern England.

"Hitherto it did not affect the armories and ground activity. The British Air Force continues to deal painful blows on its opponent. Inasmuch as the danger of German invasion is not considered past, the British air force does not cease bombing raids in German hands on the North Sea and the English Channel from Hamburg to Cher-



**German Salvagers** after a raid by British bombers. Men of the Safety Service removing usable furniture and other household goods from a building which was shattered by bombs dropped by Royal Air Force raiders.

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In thousands of homes today mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts wept.

The Sun reported that one of those who held number 138 here was Joseph Karachinsky of 504 E. 12th St.

Dependent on him are two sisters and his mother who must undergo an operation," the Sun reported. Karachinsky is a 22-year-old sign hanger whose father died just five weeks ago.

Among the other holders of number 158 here was Chong-Chan Yuen, of 18 Pell St., a Chinese-American

## Italian Moves In Greece Seen Lure to Trap

British Report Their Air Patrols Drove Raiders Off

CAIRO, Oct. 29 (UP).—Some British and Egyptian military experts professed tonight to regard hostilities between Italy and Greece as a mere feint intended to lure British forces out of Egypt and facilitate an Axis thrust through this country.

A British general headquarters communique said that British patrols supported by bombing planes routed Italian scouting parties in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Saturday, forcing them to withdraw to the left bank of the Blue Nile.

The British forces were said to have pursued the Italians the next day, causing casualties in the enemy ranks. British fighting patrols continued active in the Kassala area, the communique said.

## Total Blockade of British Empire Hitler's Plan

VICHY, Oct. 29 (UP).—Adolf Hitler is preparing to proclaim a "total blockade" of the main parts of the British empire actively engaged in the war as result of his diplomatic negotiations in setting up a pan-European bloc under Axis leadership, it was understood here tonight.

French press dispatches tonight said that a continental blockade against Britain, made fully effective by France's acceptance of "full collaboration" with the Axis, was discussed in detail by Hitler and Benito Mussolini in their talk at Florence yesterday and only a formal proclamation by Hitler is needed to put it into operation.

Nearly every night the British bombers conduct raids on Berlin and Germany's industrial centers.

"On Oct. 21, the British night air force noticeably intensified its activity, bombing numerous objectives in various parts of Germany. The same night, regardless of the worsening of meteorological conditions, the British air force, crossing the Alps again, bombed some districts in northern Italy. But the greatest scope there was reached on the night of Oct. 25, when the British Air Force bombed a considerable number of industrial enterprises, air-dromes and railway points in Germany. Of considerable interest are the military operations in the North Sea although information about them is extremely scant.

"Beginning Oct. 15, German dispatches repeatedly reported the continued mining of British ports and the sinking of a great number of vessels, mainly by submarines; successful activity by the airforce

with its torpedo-carriers has also been noted. To the British method of conveying caravans of vessels, the Germans counter-posed the tactics of a group attack on the convoys by submarines.

"During the past week the struggle in the Mediterranean was not marked by any major events. The Italian air force, which in four months war made about 150 raids on military objectives on Malta, has discontinued systematic bombing of this island.

"No big encounters occurred in the theatres of northern and eastern Africa.

"On the Libyan front, the Italians are fortifying the captured territory and intensively preparing a material base for further operations. In turn the British are also conducting large scale engineering and fortification work in the western desert. The activity of the air forces on both sides in Africa is, as before, limited to raids of single planes and small groups although a great number of points are being bombed daily.

## British Claim 22 Planes; Waterloo Station Bombed

RAF Conducts Raids on Six German Naval Bases, Claims Heavy Damage to Warships Under Construction

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—Air raiders returned to London tonight to persist in bombing raids which cost 22 of their number during four big-scale daylight forays in which Italian bombers were reported to have taken part.

Defying intense anti-aircraft fire, enemy planes streaked through the clear sky high over London in the early part of the night attack. Incendiary bombs showered a crowded London area, and flames fell at widely scattered points.

The Air Ministry said that British gunners in fighting planes and ground crews scored 22 victories during the day with a loss of seven Royal Air Force planes. The number of daylight raiders was estimated at 220.

Two raids were made on the Portsmouth area, site of one of Britain's main naval bases. The first was described as unsuccessful. The second came late in the day when raiders flying at great height dropped a number of bombs. A communique said that several houses and shops were damaged and the casualties included a "small number" killed.

Two dozen bombs were said to have fallen squarely on Waterloo Station and the West India docks today shrouded the British capital in clouds of smoke rising above "tremendous columns of flame," the official Nazi news agency reported.

Military objectives in and around London, towns of southern England and the industrial Midlands and a series of targets in Birmingham were under bombing attack during the day, it was added.

British raids on various German areas were admitted, but only one person was killed, several were wounded by shrapnel splinters and military objectives remained unscathed, according to German reports.

D.N.B. said that six British planes had been shot down in air battles over Britain during the day and one German plane was missing. The high command put yesterday's score at 10 British planes lost, one by naval anti-aircraft fire, and eight German planes missing.

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The main objectives of the nighttime counter-assaults, the Air Ministry said, were the naval bases of Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, Hamburg and Cuxhaven. Salvoes of big bombs fell on German warships being built in Hamburg, Bremen and Kiel.

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## Life of Carlos Prestes Again Being Threatened

Leader of Brazilian People, Imprisoned for Five Years, to Be Retried on Old Charge of 'Murder' by Dictatorship

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 28.—Once again the life of Carlos Prestes, the "Knight of Hope" of the Brazilian people and prisoner for almost five years of the Brazilian dictatorship, is being seriously threatened by his jailers, information reaching here from Rio de Janeiro strongly indicates, creating anxiety among large numbers of intellectuals of this country.

In its issue of Sept. 11, 1940, the "Correio do Povo," Brazilian paper printed at Porto Alegre, carries a notice showing that Carlos Prestes is being brought before the Tribunal of National Security, charged with having ordered the murder of one Elza Fernandez, a young woman.

The case for which Prestes is facing trial now dates back to some time before the rising of the people of Brazil, led by him five years ago. As in the United States so in Brazil, the war-mongers and henchmen of imperialism dig through their files for material upon which to frame the most prominent fighters for the rights of the people. Browder and others in the U. S., now "Prestes and company" in Brazil.

The people of Brazil are stirring and the Communist Party, in illegality, to be sure, has grown deep roots among the working population of that great country. In an effort to counteract the influence of the Communist Party and to smash a growing popular movement, dictator Getulio Vargas is trying to murder the "Knight of Hope" of Brazil.

Five years ago Vargas' military courts tried Prestes on a charge of rebellion. Ever since he has been kept in solitary confinement. They dare not kill him outright. So they try him once more, again before the Tribunal of National Security. And this time they hope to make a better job of it.

"In the trial which is now going on before the Tribunal of National Security," writes the "Correio do Povo," "Luís Carlos Prestes is named as the man who ordered the assassination of Elza Fernandez."

Later news from Rio de Janeiro is lacking here. The Brazilian press, naturally, is subject to a strict censorship. As a result, anxiety for Prestes' life is growing among his relatives and friends in this country. His daughter, his mother and sister are living here as refugees.

The threat of death which hangs over Carlos Prestes fills our hearts with anxiety and repulsion. The Brazilian dictators, who believe that they can quietly suppress the young

Hero of Independence because they can count with the money of their European and American capitalist masters and because they have bought the silence and complicity of the press, mistake the reaction of the world provoked by their crime and the affection which surrounds the legendary figure of the "Knight of Hope." Carlos Prestes, who, still alive, has already become a historic figure," thus wrote Romain Rolland in the magazine Lux in 1937.

The same words are true today. Again "the threat of death" hangs over Prestes. And again Mexican intellectuals and progressives are rallying to the defense of one of America's greatest men, a fighter against the forces of imperialism, the Hero of Independence and Peace.

## Berlin Denies Skoda Plant Was Bombed

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—An official statement tonight denied London claims that RAF planes on Sunday night bombed the Skoda armament works in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. No bombs were dropped on the Czech protectorate that night, it was stated.

Siamese Planes Over French Indo-China City

HANOI, French Indo-China, Oct. 29 (UP).—Thirty-eight Siamese bombers and fighters yesterday flew over Vien Chan (Vien Thian), capital of the Laos district of French Indo-China, but dropped no bombs, it was learned here today.

The Siamese planes circled the airfield at Vien Chan three times.

## Deny French Bases Given Germany or Italy

DUBLIN, Eire, Oct. 29 (UP).—The French legation to Eire said today it had been authorized to deny a report that strategic bases in France or her colonies had been placed at the disposal of Germany or Italy.



# Armistice Day Set for Mass Peace Rallies



**Youth Leaders:** Jack Fishbein, left, chairman and now executive secretary of the Chicago Youth Congress, is shown shaking hands with Charles McCord, new chairman, at the Chicago Youth Congress, Sunday.

## Youth Congress Flays Free Ballot Violations

**200 Chicago Youth Delegates Reaffirm Demand for Peace, Cooperation with Peaceful Nations Including the Soviet Union**

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Throwing their full force into the fight for peace, jobs and civil liberties, more than 200 delegates attended the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Youth Congress of Chicago this past week-end.

Representing trade unions, fraternal organizations, religious groups, settlement houses, peace groups, recreation groups and student organizations, the 206 Negro and white delegates, following the comprehensive and spirited sessions last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, left with a clear-cut program of action. In addition to the delegates, there were many visitors who were present at the sessions which were held at the Hamilton Hotel.

**MUST ORGANIZE**  
Theme of the three-day parley was struck by Jack Fishbein, chairman of the Chicago Youth Congress, who in his keynote address told an audience of more than 600 at the public gathering opening the convention Friday night:

"Never before has the youth movement faced the serious tests it faces in the months to come. The lofty ideals and high aspirations that have enabled the American Youth Congress to play such an important role in the life of our country during the past five years are now at the crossroads.

"Unless we are to take the road to death and destruction, we too must organize."

A special plenary session on conspiracy Sunday morning, at which the seven-point program of the AYC National Cabinet was endorsed, and full support was voted for the Marcano Draft Repeal Bill. There was full discussion on each of the seven points of the conscription-protection program, which deals with the importance of safeguarding the health, jobs and welfare of drafted men. Each point was voted on separately.

**7-POINT PROGRAM**

Demands and highlights in other resolutions included the following:

1. An American foreign policy "directed toward keeping America out of war in Europe, away from any intervention of American dollar diplomacy in Latin America or the Far East"; establishment of "friendly cooperation with all peaceful nations, for example, with the Soviet Union in the Pacific and with Latin American countries in this hemisphere"; genuine aid to China, and a consistent embargo against Japan.

2. Full protection of the rights of labor to organize, strike and picket.

3. Immediate passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill and the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill; expansion of WPA; passage of adequate housing, health and other social legislation.

4. Condemnation of Jim-crow segregation of Negroes in the U. S. Army.

5. Full cooperation with the American Peace Mobilization, and participation in the Nov. 11 peace demonstrations.

6. Condemnation of the persecution of minority political parties; demanding "the rights of all minority parties to place their candidates on the ballot"; opposition to the action of the Illinois State Election Board "in ruling the Communist Party and the Socialist Labor Party" off the ballot.

The resolution on this subject, although stressing that most of the Youth Congress members "differ philosophically and ideologically with the Communist

## Organizations Issue Call for Mass Rallies

**Peace Mobilization and Youth Congress Issue Appeals**

All peace forces in New York City will celebrate "American Peace Mobilization Day" on Armistice Day with rallies throughout the city, including a mass rally at Mecca Temple, 133 W. 55th St., at 8 P.M., it was announced yesterday by the American Peace Mobilization, New York Council. The meetings in New York will be in conjunction with others held throughout the nation.

Michael Quill, international president of the Transport Workers Union, heads the list of distinguished speakers who will address the Mecca Temple meeting, including Jack McMichael, chairman of the American Youth Congress; Rabbi Moses Miller, president of the Jewish People's Committee; Katherine Terrill, of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Churches of America; and Dr. Bella Dodd, of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 5. Dr. Walter Scott Neff, executive secretary of the New York Council of APM, will preside.

"Armistice Day is a fitting occasion for the people of New York to re-dedicate themselves to work against American participation in the present war," Dr. Neff declared in announcing the meeting.

"The theme of the meeting is to be that Armistice Day is American Peace Mobilization Day. That is, a day set aside to symbolize the urgent necessity for mobilizing to keep our country out of the war."

The meeting will call upon the people of New York to act for repeal of the conscription law; to demand, pending repeal, that the law be equitably enforced; and will condemn all pro-war measures such as the King proposal to repeal the Johnson Act which forbids loans and credits to defaulting nations.

**YOUTH CONGRESS CALLS RALLIES FOR NOV. 11**  
Urging American youth to commemorate Armistice Day by demonstrating youth's will for peace, the American Youth Congress, 8 W. 40th St., yesterday appealed for peace action in every community, school, church and home on Nov. 11. The call for Armistice Day for Peace, issued yesterday by the AYC, asserted:

"Our clear duty to our country is to stop war-like acts which bring America closer to war and dictatorship and which at every step are matched by increased violations of democratic rights and civil liberties. The liberty and well being of our generation are menaced by regimentation, conscription, the denial of full opportunity for work and education."

The call asked young people to demonstrate for the principles of the Youth Congress which include defense of America with:

"A foreign policy directed toward keeping America out of the war in Europe and away from any intervention of American Dollar Diplomacy in Latin America or the Far East."

"A domestic policy based on the maintenance and extension of our civil liberties and the continued improvement of the living standards of the people."

"A free, unregimented and happy youth, guaranteed the right to education, vocational training and jobs."

**Upper Manhattan Peace Council Sets Forum**  
The first Community Forum of Washington Heights and Inwood will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, at Paramount Mansion, 183rd St. and St. Nicholas Ave. The speaker will be Mr. Charles Stewart, member of the New York Conference on Inalienable Rights.

The Upper Manhattan Peace Council is the up-town chapter of the American Peace Mobilization, with headquarters at 1422 St. Nicholas Ave.

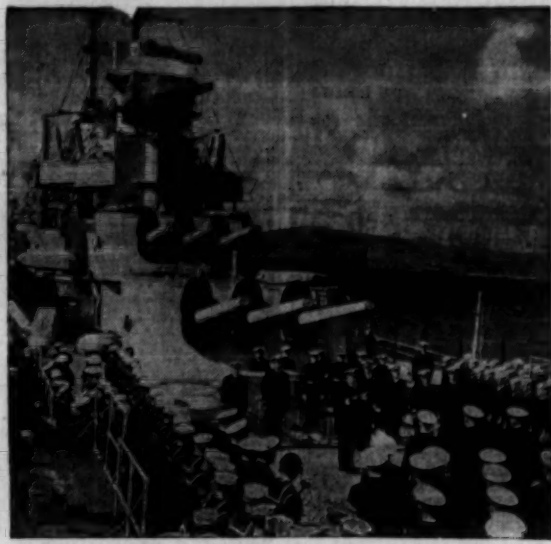
On Nov. 8 the Council will hold a mass meeting at Audubon Hall, 165th St. and Broadway.

## Youth Congress Launches Drive for Expanded Job Training and the Abolition of Jim-Crow Policies

The New York Youth Congress yesterday launched a petition campaign for expansion of the defense training program to permit thousands of unemployed youth in New York City to secure training and jobs.

The petition campaign was begun after a delegation of New York youth leaders, headed by Miss Jean Horie, executive secretary of the New York Youth Congress, visited Mrs. Betty Hawley, secretary of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training of the Board of Education, only to have their requests for expansion of the program replied to unsatisfactorily.

The delegation presented Mrs.



## Takes Command of Atlantic Force:

Standing on the main deck of the U.S.S. New York, in the Hudson River, New York, Rear Admiral David McD. LeBreton reads the Navy Department order placing him in command of Battleship Division Five of the new Patrol Force.

## Union Moves to Organize Maintenance Painters

**District Council 9 Opens Headquarters for Drive — Will Seek Transfer of Workers from Other AFL Building Locals**

Painters District Council 9 opened an office at 276 W. 43rd St., for its newly established maintenance department through which it will open a drive to organize thousands of unorganized painters steadily employed at maintenance of hotels and office buildings.

Louis Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of the Council and representative of the general office of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators are now working out a plan to get the drive under way.

Negotiations are soon to take place with other AFL unions into whose ranks painters were admitted until now because of absence of an affiliate of the painters union which they could join.

Locals affiliated with the Hotel Trades Council, and Building Service Union have taken in painters whose transfer to the new organization will now be requested.

Painters at maintenance work are working under very low wage rates. While District Council 9 does not expect to bring the scales to its "new work" scale, through the new union, according to the program, a standard contract improving conditions considerably is expected to be the outcome.

District Council 9 yesterday still awaited the arbitration award on the demands of its recent strike.

## California CIO Cut Off Radio, Plans Forums

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 (FP).—Deprived of a news outlet through refusal of Station KYA to renew its contract for a daily labor news broadcast, the California Industrial Union Council is working out a plan for weekly forums in all large cities in the state.

The regular "CIO reporter" will give his usual broadcast, and the audience will then be asked to question an invited panel of guests drawn from all professions and occupations. Open discussion from the floor will follow.

The first forum was held in Oakland on Oct. 25, followed by plans for the rest in San Francisco. In smaller cities the transcript of the reporter's new commentary will be sent to be read by a local representative.

Protests to the Federal Communications Commission against KYA's refusal to renew the broadcasts are piling up.

## Century Electric Strike Ends in Union Victory

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29 (FP).—A four-month strike against the Century Electric Co., marked by the murder of a picket and considerable police violence against strikers, ended with the signing of a 2-year agreement by the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO).

The slain striker was Oscar Buckley, who was stabbed to death by a scab while on the picket line last August.

Under the new agreement, covering 1,100 workers, the company agreed to consult union representatives on all changes in wage rates and in the working force. Other gains include one-week paid vacations, top seniority for shop stewards, semi-monthly conferences with the union, and arbitration of all disputes not settled through direct negotiations.

## Teamsters Picket World's Fair in Jurisdiction Fight

Carting away of the razed remnants of the "World of Tomorrow" was hampered yesterday as representatives of Local 282 of the AFL-affiliated Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union picketed World's Fair gates.

The union charged that Park Department vehicles were being used to move articles which came under the transport jurisdiction of the union.

Police said more than 20 trucks and moving vans manned by union men were parked outside the gates and only Park Department vehicles continued to move in and out of the Fair grounds.

## City Subways Carried 440,000 to Fair Sunday

The New York City Transit System IRT, BMT and IND Divisions carried more than 440,000 passengers to and from the World's Fair on the closing day last Sunday. This was the largest day's World's Fair business for the City transit lines since the Fair opened April 30, 1939.

## Negro Leader Blasts War as Imperialist

**Dr. Yergan Opens Congress in Phila.; Calls War 'By Right Name'**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Declaring that "we in the National Negro Congress are not afraid to call this war what it really is—an imperialist war," Dr. Max Yergan, chairman of the N. N. C., opened the Pennsylvania State Convention of that organization and repeated the resolution adopted by the Third National Convention of the N. N. C., which declared:

"The National Negro Congress declares that the Negro people have everything to lose and nothing to gain by American involvement in the imperialist war."

Dr. Yergan, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; Frederick Holmes, of the Pittsburgh Council of the N. N. C., and Congressman Joseph P. McGrady were the principal speakers at the opening meeting of the convention last Saturday in McDowell Community Church.

The last-named's attempt to justify Roosevelt's endorsement of Jim Crow in the army met an unfavorable reception from the audience.

Joseph Curran outlined to the delegates the role that the labor movement must play in aiding the struggle of the Negro people.

"We in the National Maritime Union have always stood foursquare against discrimination on jobs because of race, color or creed," he asserted.

In a panel session of the convention devoted to a discussion of political parties, Mother Ella Reeve Bloor Oshbolt, Communist candidate for Congress from Pennsylvania's Second District, spoke, advancing her Party's program to aid the economic status of both Negro and whites and abolish the poll tax in the South.

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## Farm Equipment Pact At Oliver Boosts Pay

**C. I. O. Contract Brings Preferential Hiring and Uniform System of Pay in Plants; Woods Bros. Parleys Deadlocked**

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Wage increases and semi-union shop clauses feature two new contracts which were signed yesterday between the Oliver Manufacturing Company and the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, covering approximately 2,700 workers in Oliver plants in South Bend, Ind., and Charles City, Ia.

John Shaffer, FEWOC vice-chairman, and Gerald Feida, FEWOC secretary-treasurer, assisted the local negotiating committees.

At the Charles City plant the workers get a flat five cents per hour increase with bonuses of five and ten per cent. A standardized system of wage payment is to be installed which will level out wage inequities. In the South Bend plant, where the wages were higher, bonuses are granted and inequities will be adjusted.

Semi-closed shop provisions in the Oliver plants follows upon the heels of a recent announcement by the Executive Board of a former "independent" union at International Harvester's tractor plant that they were joining the FEWOC.

Negotiations for renewal of the FEWOC's contract at the Woods Brothers plant in Des Moines have reached a stalemate, field representative DeWitt Gilpin announces, with the company agreeing to the closed shop and check-off but balking at a wage increase.

Meanwhile local unions are going on record for the position taken by

the FEWOC national officers on the presidential election. National officers have voted John L. Lewis their confidence in and support of the CIO president's leadership. The FEWOC, however, will refrain from endorsing either presidential candidate.

**File Consent Decree in Movie Anti-Trust Suit**

A consent decree intended to settle the Government's anti-trust suit against five motion picture producing and exhibiting companies, was filed in Federal Court here yesterday.

Federal Judge Henry K. Goddard set Nov. 14 as the date for the start of an open hearing at which parties to the decree and other interested persons will present their views. Terms of the decree were agreed upon last week following conferences between government and representatives of the five companies.

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**Guns Over Seattle:** War "games" bring threat close to people as batteries of the 255th Artillery, anti-aircraft, blast away with blanks at low-flying planes simulating an air raid on the city.

## Progressive ALP Rejects Willkie But Backs Lewis

**Watson and Connolly Endorse Indictment of FDR, But Charge Willkie Stands for Same Things; Say Labor Needs Lewis**

The Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party announced yesterday that it approved of John L. Lewis' indictment of President Roosevelt, but stated it would not back Wendell L. Willkie whose policies "are equally opposed to the interests of the American people."

Morris Watson, chairman, and Eugene P. Connolly, organization director of the Progressive Committee, in a joint statement said that "the indictment of Roosevelt by John L. Lewis is timely and correct, and we agree that Roosevelt is unworthy of labor's confidence and support."

"But," the statement added, "Wendell L. Willkie stands for the same things. His policies are equally opposed to the interests of the American people. Hence, we cannot accept responsibility for the election of either candidate, and we adhere to our policy of non-endorsement of any Presidential candidate."

### SACRIFICED INTERESTS

Watson and Connolly stated they agreed with Lewis' denunciation of President Roosevelt's "war of words."

They asserted that Roosevelt had abandoned a social program for the American people and "has sacrificed the interests of the American people to a war program and has brought the Hillmans and Dubinskys of labor into traitorous partnership in such a program."

Acknowledging the leadership of CIO President Lewis and stating his continued leadership "in behalf of labor and the people becomes more than ever necessary today," the Progressive Committee stated that the real way out for the American people lies in the building of a national third party of labor and progressives.

### STATEMENT

The Progressive Committee statement follows: "Franklin D. Roosevelt wants a war. Franklin D. Roosevelt has only a program of war and words. Deliverance from the incredible and horrible scourges of war with its frightful consequences of death, destruction and desolation is the first need of the American people."

"Deliverance from the grip of America's chief advocate of war is utterly imperative. Roosevelt talks of peace but is marching the American people to war."

"It is a moral and social crime of the first magnitude to fail to point out that Franklin D. Roosevelt does not have the slightest claim on the American people whom he now wishes to plunge into war, and upon whom he seeks to impose a heritage for generations to come of reaction, social and economic slavery."

### MORE NECESSARY

"In giving unequalled expression to the discontent of the American people with the betrayal of their cause by Roosevelt, John L. Lewis' leadership in behalf of labor and the people seems more than ever necessary today."

"John L. Lewis has consistently fought to protect and expand a program of social advancement. Roosevelt has abandoned such a program. He has used the FBI to harass honest people and has encouraged congressional committees to intimidate and destroy the rights of people who work for labor and social advance. He has used the anti-trust act to destroy legitimate labor organization. He has encouraged the fight of reaction to destroy the National Labor Relations act and the right to organize, and is now hampering the operation of the act by withholding appointment of the chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. He has become callously indifferent to the plight of the unemployed. He has handed fat defense contracts to violators

of the law. He has permitted the War Relocation Authority to be misinterpreted against the interests of labor. He has neglected the farmer, the youth and the aged."

"In short, he has sacrificed the interests of the American people to a war program and has brought the Hillmans and Dubinskys of labor into traitorous partnership in such a program."

"Thus the indictment of Roosevelt by John L. Lewis is timely and correct, and we agree that Roosevelt is unworthy of labor's confidence and support. But Wendell L. Willkie stands for the same things. His policies are equally opposed to the interests of the American people."

"Hence, we cannot accept responsibility for the election of either candidate, and we adhere to our policy of non-endorsement of any Presidential candidate."

"We believe that the paramount tasks of labor and progressive forces are to maintain their unity around those issues and the CIO program which have been and are today so ably championed by John L. Lewis, and to elect a Congress that will respect the rights of labor and that will refuse to send the country into war. In the Borough of Manhattan and in other sections of the state, we urge the election of Congressional candidates on the ALP Row C line who have been endorsed by the Progressive Committee."

"The only real way out for the American people is the building of a national third party of labor, the farmers, and the broad section of our population."

## N. Y. CIO Backs Neither Candidate

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majority of the American people.

"We hold that the prosecution of labor unions and leaders through the misuse of the anti-trust laws; giving full support to the attacks on the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the Wagner Labor Hours Act; the Dies Committee, and support of a general reactionary attack against all the social and economic gains of labor; and permitting widespread destruction of the rights and civil liberties of the American people, is not a program warranting the support of organized labor."

## London Branch of Nat'l City Bank Resumes After Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The London branch of the National City Bank of New York resumed normal routine today after debris from a recent direct bomb hit had been cleared up.

## INTERNED MONTREAL MAYOR CAN'T RUN AGAIN

OTTAWA, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Canadian government tonight forbade Camille Houde, interned Mayor of Montreal, to run for reelection in the December civic elections of that city. It was believed his wife might become a substitute candidate.

# SHALL IT BE WAR FOR AMERICA?

## Theodore Dreiser Introduces Browder to Radio Audience-- Wants Peace, Will Vote for Browder

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at every fireside. The people are concerned about conscription, about the determination of the rulers of our country to defend the British empire in every quarter of the world—that's what they have a right to vote on. And what do you find? You find that the two major political parties have agreed not to disagree on that matter. They have agreed not to argue or differ on that question of foreign policy or domestic war policy. In fact, they have practically agreed not to disagree about anything at all.

So we are deprived of the right of choice, the right of free debate, the right of a decision in the most important crisis of the nation. But that isn't all. The tycoons of big business don't want us to express ourselves, to express our dissatisfaction with these policies, even through a minority vote. And so you find that they are using every means at their disposal to bar minority parties from the ballot.

I am not a Communist and I don't agree with the entire program of the Communist Party. But I can read and I know that the Communist Party has come out against the war-mongering and war hysteria of the Roosevelt-Willkie partnership. I know that the Communists in their platform have a program for keeping this country out of war—that they attempt to face the problems of our own people, the problems of how to put our people back to work, of how to wipe out the shame of hunger amid plenty, of

how to spread some of the vast wealth of the nation to the people who produce it.

As a result, the Communist Party is being gagged, and the people in 24 states, including the state of New York, are being denied the right to vote the Communist ticket if they so desire. I think it's outrageous for anyone to try to tell you or me that we can't vote for the Communist candidate, or any other candidate we want to vote for. As far as I can see, the only way to vote at all, the only way to express any kind of disapproval of this wholesale robbery of American rights, is to vote a protest vote, to vote for the Communist Party. And that applies whether or not you agree with all the things the Communist Party stands for.

I know the Communist candidate is an honest and able man, and I'm going to vote for Earl Browder on November fifth. I consider it a privilege to introduce him to you tonight. Mr. Browder.

Jack Moore, candidate for Assemblyman in 64th District, Los Angeles, introduced Mr. Dreiser. His remarks follow:

You will now hear Mr. Theodore Dreiser, the great American novelist whose books have deeply influenced the American people and the American scene for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Dreiser speaks as an independent voter and guest of the Communist Party. Mr. Dreiser:

## Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Free Elections, Bars New York Communist Party From Ballot

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more of 50 signatures.

The Communist Party's canvassers obtained 200 signatures.

The New York State American Legion, which on Oct. 11, made charges of "fraud" which were rejected by the Secretary of State, centered its whole strength on Greene County to take it by storm—with members of its local posts as the storm-troopers.

Every signer was visited by a committee of the Legion which was equipped with photostatic copies of petitions. Armed with information on whether the signer was a WPA worker, on relief, or where he held a job, the visitors plainly put it to each to "repudiate, or else."

### SIGNERS ROUNDED UP

Faced with hunger and ostracism in the small communities, the signers signed "repudiation" statements. With these "repudiations" notarized as affidavits in its hands, the Legion suddenly issued subpoenas for almost all the signers. Committees of Legionnaires in cars rounded up the signers, brought them to Greene County's courthouse at Catskill, where they were herded under guard to await the holding of the trial.

This was completed even before Justice Murray announced in Albany that he would move court to the Catskill. Nearly 150 of the signers were put on the stand as witnesses were forced to recite the uniform story that they signed. Under cross-examination evidence was drawn from many that intimidation and threats of job loss was behind the "repudiations" and that in fact many signers did know what they signed.

### EVIDENCE BARRED

It is in respect to 154 signatures in Greene County that the two minority judges of the Appellate Division declared yesterday that a great majority thereof are by common law valid.

The two judges further pointed out that "of the two hundred signatures in Greene County 29 are unquestioned."

The Court of Appeals, therefore, actually threw the Communist Party off the ballot because 21 more signatures were needed and could be made up from the 154 which were "repudiated."

The fight of the Communist Party to stay on the ballot has stirred the upstate areas as never before. When the Legion revealed its campaign of intimidation to get the "repudiations," the State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party scattered canvassers to the counties most seriously affected. The canvassers defied local police and thugs who sought to run them out of the small communities and prevent a re-canvass of the intimidated people. Numerous signed statements were obtained repudiating "repudiations."

## Lewis Demands Merit System In Pa. Board

## CIO President Assails Compensation Bureau for Violations

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—John L. Lewis today protested to Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, against the failure of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Bureau to follow the merit system in hiring personnel.

"As you know, organized labor vigorously supported the amendment to the social security act which gave this 'Social Security Board' the authority to require the state agency to establish and maintain personnel standards on a merit system," the CIO president said.

"From the evidence submitted to you by the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, affiliated with the CIO, this provision of the federal law has been most flagrantly violated by the Pennsylvania State Secretary of Labor."

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## Soldiers in Hawaii Get 'Surprise Alert'

HONOLULU, Oct. 29 (UP).—More than 30,000 army troops were alerted in a "surprise alert" for an hour last night, army authorities announced today.

All men stationed on Oahu and small garrisons on outlying islands were called to stand by at 11:15 P. M., as if preparing for an emergency.

## Bronx A. D. Pledges to Fill Fund Drive by Nov. 3

Although third from last in the standing of sections in the Communist Party's fund drive, the 5th A. D. Bronx has every intention of fulfilling its \$6,100 quota by the time of the Madison Square Garden rally on Nov. 3.

Every branch, according to Mary Himoff, field organizer, has pledged to complete its quota at an election banquet this coming Saturday.

The section is today in 53rd place but hopes to better the feat of the 2nd A. D., Manhattan, which rose in less than two weeks from 34th place to first place, tying the 1st A. D. of the same borough.

Feeling that Bronx County has the major responsibility in raising the \$33,000 still needed in the state, the 5th A. D. is determined to do its share. It needs \$1,235 to go over the top and is anxious to report a successful effort at the Madison Square Garden Rally.

The 1st and 3rd A. D.'s of the Bronx, encouraged by the fact that they raised \$1,028.35 in little more than one week, and stimulated by its capable, new organizer, has also set sail for the Nov. 3 deadline.

Bronx County, as a whole, has over \$16,000 in unfulfilled pledges, and plans to make good on all of them by the election wind-up.

## Prosecutor Misinformed Witnesses in Penna. Ballot Cases, Defense Charges

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frightened." Both Langfitt and Judge J. Frank Graff began to question Kaplan, Langfitt asking him, "Are you saying your wife is a liar?"

### TURN TO MINUTES

Langfitt then turned to the Grand Jury minutes of Kaplan's own testimony.

The following startling question appeared in the records: "You are a registered Democrat?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you know that as a Democrat you couldn't sign this petition?"

It was on the basis of this testimony that defense attorney Neuberger moved for a dismissal of the indictment. Judge Graff took the motion under advisement as the defense rested preparatory to hearing state rebuttal witnesses and making the closing remarks to the jury which will be done tomorrow.

Today's session which was short

since Judge Graff's rulings yesterday had severely limited the types of witnesses the defense could call, heard two of the defendants, several petition circulators not on trial who contradicted state's witnesses, and a group of character witnesses.

The two defendants who took the stand were Logan Burkhardt and Joseph Pliner. Burkhardt, who is vice-president of Local 601 of the United Electrical and Radio Union, CIO, told the court that he was not a Communist but that he had gladly circulated the petitions and had sworn the affidavits attached to them.

"I became convinced that both major parties were leading the country into war," Burkhardt said. "I know that the Communist Party has consistently fought against the United States being dragged into the war. Therefore I circulated these petitions."

The other defendant to take the stand, H. Joseph Pliner, detailed the instructions given to the petition circulators.

Langfitt sought to indulge in red-baiting when he asked Pliner, "what did you tell the circulators not to say? Did you tell them to tell of the Party emblem or was that concealed?"

After strenuous objection by attorneys Davis and Neuberger, the Judge ordered Langfitt to discontinue that line of questioning.

The defense rested immediately after Pliner's testimony. This abrupt termination of the defense was made partly necessary by the Judge's throwing out of many types of witnesses.

## Farmers in Argentine Fight Eviction

(Special to Inter-Continental News)

CORDOBA, Argentina, Oct. 29.—Tenant farmers in the small town of Rio Bamba in Cordoba province are being evicted from large estates by the banks. The Spanish Bank, which owns the "El Destino" estate, has evicted more than 40 families; six families have been thrown off the "La Blanquilda" estate; and General Lavalle has thrown twelve families off the "El Nido."

The tenant farmers have appealed to the Minister of Agriculture for permission to stay on the land at least for another year, since it is impossible to move on when all the agricultural work is finished.

The popular newspaper "La Hora" interviewed some of the evicted families and found unalleviated misery.

## CIO Furniture Leaders Back Lewis, Not Willkie

## Endorse His Attack on War Policies of Roosevelt

New York leaders of the United Furniture Workers, CIO, yesterday wired John L. Lewis agreement with his exposure of the pro-war policy of the Roosevelt administration, but expressed disagreement with his endorsement of Wendell Willkie.

The unions affected made no endorsements.

"The leaders of the New York Furniture Locals signed below, while disagreeing with your endorsement of Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for President, fully agree with your exposure of the war-mongering policies of President Roosevelt."

"We stand behind you and your courageous leadership which is responsible for the great strides forward of the labor movement and for the organization of the millions of workers in the mass production industries."

"We will support you and your policies in the future to the fullest extent and we are convinced that under your splendid leadership the labor movement will be able to overcome all difficulties and obstacles posed by the enemies of labor, and organize the millions of workers in American industry who are not as yet organized."

The wire was signed by: Max Perlow, Manager; Abraham Zide, Secretary; Michael DeCicco, Joseph Garraffa, Business Representatives of Furniture Workers' Union, Local 76-B; Alex Sirota, Manager; Sol Kitzin, Business Representative of Bedding Workers' Local 140; George Beumont, Business Agent of Steinway Local 101 and Musical Instruments Local 102; Paul Green, Manager; Harold Klein, Business Representative of Curtain and Drapery Workers Local 48-B.

## Text of Browder's Radio Address

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has lost its liberties in these past years, has started on the downward path by such suppressions of the Communist Party. What happens to us today, will happen to all other oppositions tomorrow.

To voters in those states where the Communist national ticket has been taken from the ballot, I cannot offer any alternative among the other minority parties. In such states we can make no recommendations for President, but only urge the highest possible vote for Congressional and local peace candidates. Norman Thomas is a futile and dangerous muddlehead, whose chief objection to the war is that he wants it to be directed also against the Soviet Union. Other minority parties make no pretense of answering the problems of the day.

In this dilemma of political disfranchisement, each individual voter is thrown back upon his own conscience, to choose between the primitive expedients of (a) the excessively-difficult "write in" vote; or (b) abstentionism which violates his instincts to action; or (c) the choice between two evils both of which every fibre of one's being calls to repudiate.

It is a hard choice, where the Communist Party is not on the ballot. All the more reason, therefore, where it is possible to do so, to roll up the biggest possible vote for peace, for security, for free elections, for civil rights, for jobs—by casting your vote for the candidates of the Communist Party.

Earl Browder, Communist Party candidate for President, delivered the above address last night from Station WOR, New York City from 10:45 to 11 P.M. The speech was carried on 103 stations of a national hookup of the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

## Appeals Court Moves to Kill County Reform

## Only Amendment Left Is Tammany Plan to End PR

When the Court of Appeals, acting on argument of reactionaries who oppose free elections, struck Communist Presidential candidate Earl Browder and Vice-Presidential candidate James W. Ford from the New York State ballot yesterday it also moved swiftly to void 30,000 signatures collected by progressives to place the highly-popular county reform amendment to the City Charter in the New York City ballot.

The only charter amendment proposition left on the city ballot therefore will be the reactionary Tammany proposal to repeal the proportional representative system of voting for city councilmen.

The county reform amendment, removed by the court from the ballot, would have abolished the county Sheriffs and Registers with their wasteful political establishments supported at public expense and substitute a city-wide civil service regime for each job.

### TAMMANY OPPOSED IT

Tammany Hall and the four other Democratic Party county machines of the city fought the county reform measure through the courts, advocates of the measure say, in order to maintain unfair advantage in matters of patronage for the major political machine in power.

The Tammany proposition to abolish P. R. will appear on the top of the voting machine next Tuesday.

Voters who wish to maintain the P. R. system, which gives minority parties the opportunity of representation in the City Council, should vote "NO" on this charter amendment.

If the P. R. amendment wins it will abolish automatic reapportionment and substitute plurality election to the City Council (Board of Aldermen style) by State Senate Districts, with three members at large from Brooklyn, three from Bronx and four from Queens.

### VOTE "NO"

Since the Tammany-Flynn controlled Democratic machine has regularly carried nearly all plurality elections in these districts for a number of years, with the single exception of the 17th Senate District, Manhattan, the almost inevitable result of the proposal would be the election regularly to the city legislative body of at least 32 Tammany-controlled Democrats out of 38.

Advocates of democratic and free elections state that in the heat of the presidential campaign the P. R. proposition, a matter of vital importance which was written into the charter by the overwhelming vote of the people, may be overlooked by the voters.

They warn voters to be sure to look at the top of the machine and vote "NO" on the proposition. The P. R. system is based on the sound American principles of majority rule and minority representation. Those who object to the system

## Peace Group Calls Anti-War Rallies Nov. 11

## Washington Leader Says Only Will of People Can Save Peace

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—As millions of Americans tensely awaited selection of the numbers that might suddenly pull them from their families and their jobs into military service, the American Peace Mobilization today called for a series of nation-wide mass meetings and demonstrations on Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

In announcing the call, Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the Peace Mobilization, pointed out that "thus far, only the will of the American people has kept us from having long since been involved in this war, and only their steadfast determination to remain at peace will keep us from involvement in the future."

The purpose of the Armistice Day meetings, Field said, was to voice the people's determination not to be drawn into war and to demand repeal of conscription.

Quoting from the call, he contended that the American people "will not give their lives and their blood and their freedom to secure for one side or the other the world domination and the world dominion that is the goal of this struggle for profits and power."

"It is significant," Field added, "that as the first men are getting ready for induction for one year's service in the Army, we begin to hear intimations that this may be just the beginning and that military rule may be extended indefinitely."

He pointed to the speech of Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, of the National Guard, maintaining that "some plan must be worked out to keep these men in training when they come home after the first year—although I am one of those who don't believe we will come home that soon."

"We must defeat these plans for an indefinite militarization of America," Field said. "We must rally and show those who would lead us into war, that the people want peace, and that regardless of all obstacles they will seek to safeguard these things from destruction."

have opposed P. R. chiefly because they distrust the people. The proposed amendment is also unfair to the boroughs. It would freeze the growing boroughs of Queens, the Bronx and Richmond at a smaller percentage of the entire Council than they have now, and Brooklyn at the same percentage, whereas under P. R. each of these boroughs is assured of a larger share of the Council as soon as it has a substantially larger share of the votes.

Voters will find the Charter amendment listed as follows: "Proposition No. 1 Repeal of P. R." This proposition should be overwhelmingly defeated.



# Browder and Ford Speak Sunday at Madison Sq. Garden Election Rally

## Thousands to Protest Attack On Free Ballot

### Mass Meeting at 7 P. M. to Feature Wind-Up Election Meeting

Freedom-loving residents of New York will rally this Sunday, Nov. 3, to Madison Square Garden to voice their protest against the conspiracy engineered by leading Democratic politicians against the ballot rights of Communist candidates.

At this wind-up election rally sponsored by the Communist Party campaign committee, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party and Presidential candidate, will point out the road of struggle for peace, jobs and civil rights immediately before and after the 1940 elections.

Additional speakers will include James W. Ford, Vice-Presidential candidate, William Z. Foster, Israel Amter, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and the State Young Communist League secretary, John Gates.

The State campaign committee announced yesterday it had completed arrangements for the Talcott Negro choir to participate in the Garden program Sunday night. The committee further announced through its campaign manager, Isidore Begun, that Mordcai Bauman, whose recorded songs are popular sellers, will appear in person at the Garden on Sunday to sing working-class ballads. An orchestra of 40 pieces will also participate in the musical part of the program.

The State committee has established three sales centers for tickets, two downtown and one in the Bronx, at the Workers' Bookshop, 80 E. 13th St.; campaign headquarters, 5th floor, 35 E. 12th St.; and at the Workers' Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park East.

With all indications pointing to a large overflow crowd, the committee advises those planning to attend the Garden rally to purchase their tickets in advance.

Already, groups of Young Communist League members are buying blocks of tickets.

## N.Y. State Vote May Approach Seven Million

### Record-Breaking Registration Reported by Sec'y of State

ALBANY, Oct. 29 (UP)—A record-breaking total of voters—perhaps 6,960,117—will cast ballots next Tuesday, official registration figures indicated today.

While both Democratic and Republican candidates swung into final phases of the Presidential race, New York election officials were kept busy preparing to handle an increase of more than 600,000 voters over the 1936 figure.

Update New York, normally Republican, has 3,571,376 eligible voters, an increase of more than 250,000 over the 1936 tabulation.

Five counties comprising Greater New York, and normally Democratic, will send 3,388,741 voters to the polls, an increase of 400,000 over 1936.

Only seven of the state's 62 counties—Yates, Schoharie, Otsego, Lewis, Allegany, Schoharie and Seneca—showed lower registration figures compared to the 1936 total.

The largest single gain was recorded in Kings County which registered 1,196,279, an increase of slightly more than 180,000 over 1936.

Secretary of State Michael P. Walsh announced that election districts also will be increased. There will be 9,322 districts this year, compared to 8,951 for the 1936 Presidential election.

Update New York will use 5,268 districts and Greater New York 4,054.

Registration for 1940 compared to that of 1936, a gubernatorial year, increased slightly more than 1,400,000.

## Ham, Egg Group Starts Drive for Vote in 1942

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29.—Charging that "the Olson oligarchy will not hesitate to kick the constitution of the state out of any nearby window," the Retirement Life Payments Association today announced a renewed drive for petition signatures to get on the 1942 ballot.

The blast came from campaign director Willis Allen after Secretary of State Paul Peek had accepted Los Angeles county registrar of voters William Kerr's amended certificate, voiding 15,000 names on Ham and Eggs petitions.

## C. P. State Committee Asks Mass Turnout at Garden Rally

Every meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party is a political demonstration and the election rally in Madison Square Garden on Nov. 3 must be built into the most powerful demonstration of the election campaign, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party declared yesterday.

The statement, which also called for the completion of fund drive quotas by the time of the meeting, follows:

"The Communist Party is fighting for its right to be on the ballot, its right to free speech, press and assembly. Under these circumstances every meeting held under its auspices becomes a political demonstration of the people's determination to preserve these rights. That is why we said on the occasion of the Royal Windsor rally, 'test the capacity of the hall, but the capacity of the streets must be the measure for attendance.'

"The Madison Square Garden rally must be the greatest of our demonstration meetings. We call on every Party member to attend and to sell tickets to all friends, acquaintances and shopmates.

"We urge also that all fund drive quotas be completed by the time of the rally, and that funds be brought to the State Office no later than Saturday. In this way we can register our Party's influence on the eve of the elections and place the immediate struggles on a financially solvent basis."

### NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE

Israel Amter, Chairman.  
Charles Krumboltz, Secretary.

## Dozen Rallies Today to Hear Communists

### Candidates Continue Vigorous Drive in Spite of Attack

Despite the reactionary drive against the ballot rights of Communist candidates, the New York State campaign committee will continue to bring its drive for peace, jobs and civil rights to the voters it was announced yesterday.

Audiences at more than a dozen mass meetings today, including symposiums and two radio broadcasts, will hear Israel Amter, U. S. Senatorial candidate, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, candidate for Representative-at-Large, Sadie Van Veen, chairman of the Communist State Women's Commission, Timothy Holmes, Negro leader and candidate in the Bronx 22nd State Senatorial District, Isidore Begun, State manager and candidate in the 23rd Bronx Congressional District, Robert Minor, candidate in the 8th Congressional District, Kings County, Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn, candidate for the City Council, Mary Himoff, Communist leader in the Bronx, and John Gates, State Young Communist League secretary.

**RALLIES FOR AMTER**  
Israel Amter will carry his campaign into Brownsville tonight by addressing an election mass meeting at the Park Plaza, Pitkin and Saratoga Ave. At 11:15 P.M., he, together with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, John Gates and Howard Johnson, will participate in a half-hour round-table discussion.

**GURLEY FLYNN AT P.S. 65**  
A major South Bronx election rally tonight at Public School 65, 141st St. and Cypress Ave., will hear Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who will share the platform with the Bronx YCLU leader, George Watt. Benjamin Stein, Communist organizer in the South Bronx, will preside. This rally is expected to draw a large attendance from the Irish people in this district. Miss Flynn will also speak at 4 P.M. today at a forum at Columbia University.

**BEGUN, HOLMES**  
Isidore Begun, dynamic State campaign manager and Congressional candidate, together with the Negro leader and State Senatorial candidate, Timothy Holmes, will be principal speakers at an election rally tonight at the Jane Adams Vocational High School, Tinton Ave. and E. 161st St. A rally at Public School 92, Clinton Ave. and 179th St., will also hear Begun as well as the Jewish leader, Morris L. Olken, and Antonio Lombardo, Italian-American and Communist candidate for Congress in the 24th Congressional District.

**FIVE RALLIES FOR MINOR**  
Robert Minor will address five election meetings, including two symposiums, today. At noon he will speak at a symposium in the Little Theatre at Brooklyn College. At 4 P.M., he will participate in a symposium at Hunter College. In the evening, he will speak at an open air rally in the Brighton Beach vicinity, and at two indoor rallies at Arden Hall, 69th St. and 14th Ave., and at the IWO Center, 8109 Surf Ave., Coney Island.

Together with Mr. Katz, staff member of the Freiheit, Sadie Van Veen will speak tonight at Francis Manor Hall, Alabama and Sutter Aves., East New York.

Mary Himoff will be the speaker at a women's afternoon campaign-tea today, 1:30 P.M., at the Royal Club, 2017 Grand Concourse.

Councilman candidate Peter V. Cacchione will be the main speaker at a rally tonight in the Gold Room, Manhattan Center, 311 W. 34th St.

A broadcast addressed to women will take place today over WOV (1100 Kc.) at 3:45 P.M.

## Communists of N. J. 'Adopt' Arkansas Vote

### Pledge to Increase Own Poll to Make Up for Ballot Loss

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
NEWARK, Oct. 29.—The Communist Party of this state today decided to "adopt" the votes which would have been cast for Communist candidates in the State of Arkansas if the Party there had not been forcibly ruled off the ballot.

In a letter to the Arkansas State Committee, the Communist Party here wrote: "County by county we have undertaken to add the votes of Arkansas to our own estimated total by an intensification of our work in the last week of the campaign. In addition to mobilizing all our forces for a final drive to distribute several hundred thousand pieces of campaign literature, we are issuing 70,000 copies of a sample ballot in concentration areas of registered voters."

"We are determined to reflect, through our vote in the State of New Jersey, the growing sentiment of the people against war and reactionism."

**YOUTH TO INTERVIEW AMTER, GURLEY FLYNN ON AIR TONIGHT**  
The Youth Division of the New York State Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party will broadcast interviews with Israel Amter, candidate for Senator, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, candidate for Representative-at-Large, tonight over station WEAF from 11:15 to 11:45 P. M.

The interview will be conducted by John Gates, executive secretary of the New York State YCL, and Howard Johnson, chairman of the Harlem Division.

More than 800 "listen in" parties have been arranged in the city.

## CIO Lists Latest Labor Board Victories

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The CIO today made public a series of its latest Labor Board election victories in a number of newly organized important plants.

At Newark, the Westinghouse Electric Co. plant employees cast 1,109 votes for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers with 364 for "no union."

At Boston, R. H. White, one of the city's largest department stores

voted 430 to 313 for the United Wholesale and Retail Employees.

At Anderson, Indiana, the Delco-Remy division of General Motors gave the CIO's United Automobile Workers 3,894 against 2,398 for "no union."

The Dravo Corp. at Wilmington, Del., went for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, by 111 to 44.

Another important CIO victory in Chicago was the 393 to 109 vote for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers defeating an AFL local which held a collusive "closed shop" contract. This break-through was the first Labor Board election won by the Electrical Union at Chicago.

**PROSPECTIVE JURORS ADMIT PRESS HAS PREJUDICED THEM AGAINST C. P.**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 29.—Five prospective jurors admitted in court today that after reading about the case in the newspapers their prejudice against members of the Communist Party would prevent them from rendering an impartial verdict in the trial of Max Weiner, Oliver Milton and Stephen G. Zvon for conspiracy, misrepresentation, and false oath in connection with collecting 399 signatures in Dauphin County on Communist Nomination papers. The five jurors were challenged for cause by the defense counsel and excused from jury service by Judge Hargett

of the Dauphin County Court. Oscar G. Wickersham, distinguished criminal lawyer of Dauphin County, who has been retained as counsel for defense, examined thirty jurors before the final jury was elected.

Katherine Ulrich, first witness for the prosecution, admitted under cross examination by Philip Dorfman, associate defense counsel, that she was intimidated and scared after her name had been published in the Harrisburg Evening News. "I would never sign any more papers because I am scared," Mrs. Ulrich said, "because when my name was

in the paper everybody called me a Communist."

District Attorney Carl B. Shelley told the jury that the Communist nomination papers were legally obtained from the State Elections Bureau and that any qualified elector had a right to sign them whether they were members of the Communist Party or not.

A motion to separate the conspiracy indictment from the individual indictments was denied, as was a motion for a continuance of the trial because of the refusal of the court to direct a Bill of Particulars to be drawn.

## Unionists Rally For Patterson Tomorrow

### Communist Candidate in Chicago Spurs Final Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Negro and white trade unionists of the First District will hold a rally for William L. Patterson for Congress Thursday, Oct. 31, at 8 P. M., at 3517 Indiana Ave.

Patterson campaign committee of steel, tractor, packinghouse, and railroad workers are rallying their shopmates to hear the Communist candidate on "Job, Negro Labor, and the Elections."

Workers and small business men of Croatian, Russian, and Italian descent were also joining hands with Negro workers to elect Patterson following the candidate's pledge to work for repeal of the alien registration act at an election symposium held last Friday.

The Steel Workers Committee for the Election of Patterson, in a mimeographed appeal for the election of Patterson being circulated throughout the district, declared that "if we send Patterson to Congress, we send there a staunch fighter for the protection of our conditions—for peace, jobs, and democracy."

Patterson has pledged himself to work for the cancellation of all national defense contracts awarded the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and other violators of the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

Patterson also described the recent appointment of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Negro, to the post of Brigadier General as but a "temporary sop to the Negro people to ease their resentment toward the setting-up of Jim-crow regiments for their sons conscripted into the army."

Patterson also pledged his full support to the struggle of 400 striking South Side Negro taxi drivers to organize into the CIO Transport Workers Union.

A third and final mass mobilization to canvass the district for Patterson will be held at 3517 Indiana Ave., next Sunday, Nov. 3, at 11 A. M.

Both of Patterson's opponents—Arthur W. Mitchell, Democratic incumbent, and William E. King, Republican—avoided a joint discussion with Patterson at the symposium Friday night.

**TWO BROADCASTS SCHEDULED BY CP IN WESTCHESTER**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
YONKERS, Oct. 29.—The second in a series of radio broadcasts by the Westchester Division of the N. Y. State Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party will be heard Thursday, Oct. 31, at 9 P. M. over Station WFAS in White Plains when Herbert L. Wheelin, Negro leader and chairman of the Westchester Communist Party, delivers a "Message to Negro Voters."

Antonio Lombardo, candidate for Congress in the 24th District, will conclude the series on Election eve, Monday, Nov. 4, at 5:45 P. M. over the same station.

A huge "Lombardo for Congress" rally will take place on Friday, Nov. 1, at IWO Hall in Yonkers under the auspices of the Youth Division of the Campaign Committee. The meeting will feature Mr. Lombardo, and Grant Walker, Negro youth leader of Mamaroneck, as the main speakers.

**GARBO ASKS CITIZENSHIP; GIVES HER AGE AS 35**  
HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 29 (UP)—Greta Garbo, Swedish motion picture actress, went into Federal Court unannounced late today and asked to become a citizen of the United States.

She said she was born in Stockholm 35 years ago, is 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 127 pounds and is unmarried.

Under Federal regulations, she cannot obtain final papers before two years.

**3 MORE INDICTED HERE FOR REFUSAL TO REGISTER**  
The Federal Grand Jury yesterday indicted a janitor, an unemployed musician and a part-time employee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation after their refusal to register as "conscientious objectors."

They are: Albert Herling, 25, of 542 W. 112th St.; the musician; Angelo Mongitore, 23, of 241 E. Seventh St., custodian of the Labor Temple on 14th St., and Francis B. Hall, 24, of 43 Elizabeth Ave., Newark, N. J., who accompanied the other two to a 14th St. registration office to announce they were refusing to sign up. The indictments brought the total here to 13.

**WOMAN DIES IN FALL FROM WINDOW**  
Mr. Elizabeth Spidell, 30, fell to her death Monday night from a window of her apartment on the sixth floor of 2682 Creston Ave., the Bronx. Her husband, Willard, a driver for the New York omnibus Corp., was eating in the kitchen at the time and did not know of his wife's fate until an apartment neighbor informed him.

## Browder in Radio Talk to Jews Sunday

### Ford at Rally In Chicago On Nov. 1

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, will address the Jewish people in a special broadcast Sunday at 11:15 A. M. over station WOR.

The broadcast is sponsored by the Jewish Division of the New York State Election Campaign Committee, Communist Party.

Ford will base his talk on necessity for registering the greatest effective protest against reaction by casting a huge vote for the Communist Party.

The Jewish Choral Society under the direction of Eugene Malek will present typical folk songs of all nations.

## Chicago Union Group Defends 'C.S.' Victims

### Form Labor Committee to Aid in Lewistown Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—A Trade Union Division of the Lewistown Defense Committee to rally support for four Communist Party petition workers charged with criminal syndicalism has been established here by Abe Feinglass, international vice-president of the Fur and Leather Workers Union, Joseph Digges of the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks, and John De Boer of the American Federation of Teachers.

A statement issued by the committee declares that "if these four are convicted in Lewistown, it will be a serious blow to the rights of labor. Our security is at stake."

The progressive Miners' Union Local No. 1 and the Northern College Teachers Union, AFL, are among the unions already on record in support of the defense.

By a court ruling in Lewistown, the defendants will be forced to appear personally on Nov. 1 in a hearing on a motion for a change of venue. It is not customary that defendants be present for such a hearing.

**PROTESTS FORCE RADIO TO CARRY FORD BROADCAST**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
SYRACUSE, Oct. 29.—Vigorous and united action by Negroes and white workers of this city scored a point for free speech when station WSYR, an NBC affiliate, was forced to reverse its own ruling and to broadcast the recent coast-to-coast address of James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President.

Earlier the station had refused to carry a nation-wide address by Earl Browder.

In the second violation of Federal Communications Commission regulations providing equal treatment to all political candidates, the local Communist Party not only appealed to the federal commission, but took its case to the community.

With leaflets, cards, and a picket before the station, enough protests poured in to make the management change its mind and carry the broadcast.

## NMU Supports Lewis, Backs No Candidate

### Statement Declares It Will Seek Re-election of CIO Leader

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continued. The attacks continued nevertheless.

"The NMU has not endorsed either Mr. Wilkie or President Roosevelt. We have made it clear that our major political activity in this campaign is to try and secure the election of as many progressive Congressmen as possible—in an effort to halt the drive toward war and protect Labor's gains."

"We are still of that mind. We still believe the defeat of President Roosevelt and the election of a large labor bloc in Congress will serve as a warning to future administrations that they cannot ignore the demands and needs of the bulk of the American people."

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## Ford at Rally In Chicago On Nov. 1

### Prepare for Capacity Crowd to Hear Wm. L. Patterson

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Final preparations have been completed here to assure a capacity crowd at Ashland Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 1, when James W. Ford, Communist Party candidate for Vice-President, will address a mass election rally as he swings into the last lap of his coast-to-coast campaign tour.

William L. Patterson, militant Negro candidate for Congress from Chicago's First District on the South Side, will also be a main speaker.

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## ALP Candidate Exposes Edelstein

### Charges 'Double Cross' in Voting for Alien Bill

While support mounted for the election campaign of Samuel Burt, manager of the Joint Board of the Fur Dressers and Dyers Union and American Labor Party candidate for Congress in the 14th Congressional District, Mr. Burt yesterday exposed the record of Congressman M. Michael Edelstein, incumbent.

Burt publicly charged Edelstein with double-crossing voters in his district by voting for the Alien Registration Bill after he had definitely promised a committee of voters that he would vote against it.

Burt described how the Tammany delegation in Congress, including Edelstein, which has expected the bill to be passed by a rising vote, was startled by Congressman Vito Marcantonio's insistence upon a record vote on the question.

"Marcantonio told me," said Burt, "that when he called for a record vote, Edelstein pleaded with him to withdraw the call because you are putting me on the spot. Marcantonio's answer was: 'You stood up with the Ku Kluxers, now go on record with them!'"

Burt also pointed out that Edelstein voted in favor of the draft and had made no attempt to alleviate the distress of families of drafted men.

Burt's campaign manager charged that Edelstein had sent gangsters and thugs into the district to break up meetings of the American Labor Party.

## Army at 360,000; Oct. Total 35,276

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (UP)—War Department officials said today that army enlistments so far for October total 35,276, bringing the strength of the Regular Army to 360,000. September's enlistment total was 42,571.

## Wisconsin Communist Candidate to Broadcast

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 29.—Fred Bassett Blair, Communist candidate for Governor, will speak over the Milwaukee Journal Station WTMJ, largest radio station in the state on Friday, Nov. 1, 10:30 P. M. Blair will also speak over Station WHA, Madison on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 1:15 P. M.

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## ALP Candidate Exposes Edelstein

### Charges 'Double Cross' in Voting for Alien Bill

While support mounted for the election campaign of Samuel Burt, manager of the Joint Board of the Fur Dressers and Dyers Union and American Labor Party candidate for Congress in the 14th Congressional District, Mr. Burt yesterday exposed the record of Congressman M. Michael Edelstein, incumbent.

Burt publicly charged Edelstein with double-crossing voters in his district by voting for the Alien Registration Bill after he had definitely promised a committee of voters that he would vote against it.

Burt described how the Tammany delegation in Congress, including Edelstein, which has expected the bill to be passed by a rising vote, was startled by Congressman Vito Marcantonio's insistence upon a record vote on the question.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1940

### Willkie 'Warns'

On Oct. 29—yesterday—the New York World-Telegram broke forth into the following front-page headline:  
**WILLKIE WARNS DRAFTEES ON WAR.**

On Aug. 17—two months before—Wendell Willkie, in his acceptance speech, endorsed the draft without reservation.

On Sept. 17—when President Roosevelt signed the draft bill—Wendell Willkie acclaimed the conscript measure and stated that it should have been passed "two years before."

Now that conscription is adopted, the Republican candidate makes a big stab at cashing in on the just anxiety of the people over the measure which he helped to put over. At Jackson, Ohio, he "warns" the draftees that "the boys had better get ready to get on some troop transport to go to a foreign war" if President Roosevelt keeps his "pledges" as he kept them in the past.

That Willkie's "pledges" are of the same counterfeit variety as Roosevelt's is made quite clear by his shouting for more aid to Britain than Roosevelt is giving, at the same time that he slobbers about "peace" in the Middle West.

It was such twaddle as this, enunciated by Woodrow Wilson, which deceived the people in 1916. They can profit by their experience.

### Health and the Army

The New York Times appears to be shocked by the revelation that nearly one-third of the volunteers who applied for enlistment in the regular army in June, July and August in this area had to be rejected because of serious physical defects.

Says the Times: "Americans have remained strikingly indifferent to their own well-being. Why this should be so is beyond us to divine."

The fact is (and the Times knows it very well) that Americans are not indifferent to their own well-being. But a few Americans—including the wealthy owners of the Times—have remained strikingly indifferent to the well-being of the rest of the nation. They have helped kill all proposals for federal health measures in the name of "economy" and "national unity."

The Times tries to strike a cheery note by pretending that the health of the draftees will be better than among those who tried to enlist in the regular army. That is clearly false. Only those who believe themselves to be in good physical shape even think of enlisting. If one-third of these were in bad health, the percentage among the draftees will be even higher.

This calls for drastic measures to be taken to safeguard the health of the men in the training camps, while a federal health program must be pushed to care for the welfare of the people as a whole.

### Thoughts About the World of Tomorrow

Said the newspapers, "The World of Tomorrow came to an end." We don't think so. We think that the World of Tomorrow, the world of whose splendors and peaceful achievement the Fair gave us a colorful glimpse, will come to America as surely as the sun rises.

The millions of Americans who passed through the gates of the Fair and marvelled at the wonders of modern science have in their hearts a question which the corporation owners of the various exhibits could not answer.

That question is—why is it not possible for the American people to enjoy these wonderful things today? Why is it that in the face of this magnificent spectacle of industrial and technological development must America endure a situation in which two-thirds of the nation is ill-clothed, ill-fed and ill-housed? Why must the peoples of the world, whose cooperative efforts produced this advance in science, be plunged today into the horrors of a criminal war in which they cut each others' throats over which power shall control which colony?

It is with such emotions as these, more or less conscious, that the American people went through the World's Fair. The exhibit of the Soviet Pavilion gave them much food for thought, unquestionably, along these lines.

So we say to that World of Tomorrow in which the peoples will live in security, freedom and peace, not "Goodbye," but "Come quickly, for the people dream about you and eagerly await your coming."

### Keep to the Kitchen? No!

Women are getting a raw deal under capitalism, and educated women are no exception. A 10-year survey by the Philadelphia Women's University Club divulges the sad news that trained college women are earning only an average of \$28.50 a week.

One would think that after so much time and effort had been expended in this survey—with such startling results—that there would be a clarion call to move forward and remedy this state of affairs.

Such is not the case. Members of the committee which makes the report throw up their hands. With long faces they express "doubt regarding the economic worth of a college education."

Herr Hitler popularized the idea of "keeping to the kitchen and the children" in current life. It is a Hitlerite concept which recommends that women abandon education. The committee's findings should make American women "good and mad." They can begin to make a good fight against the outrageous discrimination which this report discloses.

### Was That Right, Mr. President?

President Roosevelt worked very hard in his Madison Square Garden speech to stem the conviction which is growing among millions of people that his policy—just like that of Wendell Willkie's—is not for peace but for war.

"For eight years our main concern has been to look for peace and the preservation of peace," the President said. Then he proceeded to outline a series of minor regulations like restrictions on travel abroad, etc. After mentioning each of these regulations, the President dramatically asked his audience, "Was that right?"

But the people have a series of questions to place to the President on his "concern for peace" during the past eight years:

Mr. President, you and the Republicans with you, put an embargo on loyalist Spain, helped General Franco to power and immediately recognized his bloody accession. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

Mr. President, you and the Republicans with you, have supplied the Japanese militarists with all the scrap iron, oil and munitions they needed to slaughter millions of innocent Chinese people. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

Mr. President, you, with the applause of the Republicans, connived to bring Chamberlain and Hitler together for the Munich betrayal of Czechoslovakia. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

The answer to these questions reveals that the pretensions of either the Democratic or Republican Party to a peace policy, are a fraud. The foreign policy of the Administration and the Republicans helped bring about the war, helped spread it once it began and has dragged the nation step by step toward the holocaust.

The President says he has always helped "little nations." Did he help Spain, Czechoslovakia and China? Today the "little nation" which he is helping, turns out to be the brutal British Empire as it fights with the equally brutal German Empire for the right to exploit Britain's 500,000,000 oppressed subjects throughout the world.

The President's boast about his efforts to arm the nation for its defense, dissolves into thin air in the face of the foreign policy of appeasement that has been practiced in Washington for the past eight years. As Earl Browder has said, armaments without a foreign policy of peace only lead to war and disaster. The squabbles which the Democrats and Republicans may have had on the passage of various naval and army bills during those years, sink into insignificance before the complete unity which both parties displayed on a foreign policy of appeasement and war.

In the same speech, the President boasted about the passage of the Russell-Overton amendment to "draft" industry. This amendment is a cruel sham. Even if it should be enforced in certain instances, it would not call for the slightest sacrifice from the plants affected but, on the contrary, would guarantee them a fat profit. Meanwhile, however, instead of the government extending its control over industry as the President pretended was being done, the leaders of industry are strengthening their grip upon the government—at Roosevelt's personal invitation.

The President sneered at Willkie as a "holding company executive" and pointed proudly to the fact that he and Stettinius and Knudsen—"men experienced in actual production"—are cooperating 100 per cent. But these "men experienced in actual production" are the owners of Willkie's holding company. They are Willkie's bosses. They are the ruthless open-shoppers and robbers of the entire American people.

When Roosevelt boasts that he is "cooperating 100 per cent" with these plunderers of America, he is unwittingly substantiating the fact that today he and Willkie are both servants of Wall Street; that only in Earl Browder and James W. Ford can the people find candidates of peace and of the people.

### OF A KIND

--by Gropper



## NORMAN THOMAS SOUNDS A NEW WAR SIGNAL

Mr. Norman Thomas this week felt that it was time for him to make himself plain so that no one would get any wrong ideas about him. You see, Mr. Thomas as Socialist candidate for President has been seeking support as a man of peace, as an opponent of the war in Europe.

But this past week an emergency arose. It seems that there has been arising in this country a steadily increasing popular demand for some kind of American-Soviet cooperation for the common benefit of the peoples of these two great powers. This has obviously frightened Mr. Norman Thomas. He has just written an important and significant statement of his position on the whole war issue and on the Soviet Union in particular. (Socialist Call, October 26.) It is a grim, if cagey, confession of where this alleged "peace" candidate really stands. Let us examine it briefly.

Mr. Thomas utters the following basic propositions:

"Perhaps a war between Hitler and Stalin might end eventually in a victory for the Germans and Russians against their dictators. Some day such a war might occur."

This is Norman Thomas' way of saying that he deems that a war between Germany and the Soviet Union would be a fine thing; that such a war should be supported and encouraged by his followers on the fantastic comparison that this war would "liberate" the Soviet masses from socialism and the German masses from fascism. He can twist the aspirations of the masses in so ugly a fashion because he proceeds from the basic premise of world imperialism—the ceaseless attempt to revive a joint anti-Soviet crusade. It is the dream of the most reactionary cliques in every imperialist capital of the world; Norman Thomas makes it the starting point of his major political strategy. In accord with his special role as the "Socialist" salesman of this plan, he dresses it up in an obscene disguise as a "liberation" movement, coupling it with a White Guard slander against the Soviet masses.

Point 2. Following from this initial premise, Norman Thomas then warns the American people that they must have nothing to do with the Soviet Union as an ally in the fight for peace. His reason is as follows: The Soviet government "is, if anything, even more cruel and ruthless than Hitler's."

This is an unmistakable signal; it heralds the Hitler fascist regime in Germany as a "lesser evil" with whom one could unite, if necessary, for a joint attack against the Soviet Union. This is the very soul of the Munich conspiracy; it is the standing philosophy of "appeasement" which burns powerfully in the ruling circles of every imperialist capital in the world. Norman Thomas is preparing the advance ground for such a proposition among the working people of America.

Point 3. As a final warning that America must sabotage every effort to maintain friendly and cooperative relations with the

Soviet Union, Norman Thomas rises to a frenzy: "I can imagine no cause in which I would more unwillingly sacrifice my sons than in an alliance—if it were possible—of capitalist America, the British empire and Stalin's communist imperialism."

In these falsifying and feverish phrases, the real face of Norman Thomas' foreign policy emerges into the day light. He is adapting his position at every point to the brutal anti-Soviet conspiracy of the Munich-men such as Bullitt, Hoover, Sumner Welles, Hearst, and Willkie. These forces cherish the plan of "switching and extending the war" into a world crusade against the land of Socialism. It is essential for this war plan that every movement of the American people toward rapprochement with the Soviet Union be strangled before it gets too powerful. Norman Thomas understands this as his special assignment. He is trying now to carry it out; and he does it by echoing the "peace" technique now employed by Wendell Willkie, who also has shown that he knows how to support every war move of the administration while clamoring his claims as a "peace" candidate.

The peace pretenses of this "Socialist" fall to pieces and reveal an unscrupulous ally of the pro-war, anti-Soviet Munichmen in this country. The "peace" that Norman Thomas wants is a "peace" based on a gigantic war plan against the USSR. It is the kind of peace Chamberlain dreamed of so stupidly at Munich in 1938; it is the hope of the imperialists in Washington and London today.

Thus the "left" Norman Thomas meets the "right" Social-Democratic war-mongers of the New Leader in a common platform for war and still more war. Alert workers will have already noticed that Norman Thomas' "opposition" to the war, expressed in "radical" speeches, has not resulted in a single statement of opposition on his part to the fundamentals of the Roosevelt war program, nor in a single move against Roosevelt's war preparations masked as "defense." His anti-Soviet hatred gives the whole show away; for it is impossible to fight for peace effectively in the United States without supporting the move for American-Soviet friendship.

That Norman Thomas should begin again to sell Hitler as "a lesser evil" compared to the Soviet Union shows that the Munich brew is being stirred in very high circles in the United States. It shows how false are the pretensions of the "war against Hitlerism."

It shows, also, how urgent it is that the American people stand up and fight for a true peace policy in Washington, where the present policy is leading the nation down the skids to war.

And how could the people better demonstrate their contempt for this underhanded trickery of Norman Thomas than by a tremendous vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, the only peace candidates in the elections?

## 100 Percent Union

Louis F. Budenz

ST. LOUIS—out on the sluggish Mississippi—is regaining its place in the sun, but not in the manner the Chamber of Commerce would have it.

Labor has now begun to have something to say about the good and welfare of the people of the Missouri metropolis, and it has not done a bad job to date.

The splendid victory of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union in the Century Electric Co. strike is the latest manifestation of what the trade unions have been accomplishing.

Several years ago that aggregation of local Big Guns known as the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce plastered the countryside with billboards, all over the nation, proclaiming St. Louis and vicinity to be "the 47th State."

By a sort of Hoover method of shooting away depression with advertisements, the C. of C. Big Boys hoped in this way to conjure away the stagnation which the "Big Clinch" and other monopoly pirates had brought on the former Fourth City of the country.

### LABOR TAKES A HAND

Week after week and month after month they billboarded, but week after week and month after month their anti-labor eraser wiped out all the blarney to which they thus resorted. The great mass of the population were in the low wage brackets and the scandal of their condition only matched the corruption which bound St. Louis over to the railroads and condemned it to slow decay.

Something worthwhile has been happening lately, as labor began to take a hand in the fate of the people. In early August, when the United Automobile Workers' convention was sweating in that city, the delegates went out en masse two days running to the picket line at the Central Electric Co. plant. A number of them were even sent to the city jail, illustrative of the strong arm methods being employed by the city police to smash the strike.

It was more than nostalgia for the militancy of the battles in Flint and Detroit that had built the auto union which led the delegates to this picketing.

Only the week before, Oscar Buckley, a union man, had been killed in cold blood by a scab. The ferocity of the assault and the callous connivance of the police with the slugs of the company led even the monopoly newspapers of St. Louis to denounce this deed.

### AFL AND UAW HELP

The delegates to the United Auto Workers' convention demonstrated their solidarity with a brother CIO union, under these trying circumstances. But even more striking was the cooperation given by the AFL unions in St. Louis to the Central Electric strikers and their organization.

This is something to be bruited through the whole country. It was LABOR UNITY IN STRUGGLE which won this four-months electric strike.

This is something indeed to be shouted from the housetops, at the time when Sidney Hillman and William Green are mouthing fine phrases about a "unity" under which they propose to smother struggle and to advance "sacrifice."

Look you, brothers and sisters of the trade unions: Here was a battle in which police, city and state government and slugs for the company were lined up in an intimidating array against the strikers. Here was a tug of war in which month passed after month without sign of victory for the union.

But labor as a whole responded to the critical nature of the situation. The lines between AFL and CIO were forgotten in the determination to push through to triumph. The city central body of the AFL had shown a spirit of political independence from the domination of the Greens and the Wolls, and the AFL local unions rallied to the support of the CIO men and women.

### NO SURRENDER

Those strikers in turn did not surrender to fear or faintness. They kept aloft the banner of MILITANCY on their picket lines and the general conduct of the strike. From the Central Electric Company today every trade unionist is hereby informed that MILITANCY can win gains at this crucial hour, when speed-up and the freezing of wages are on the Big Business order of the day.

That other sections of St. Louis labor have caught some of this understanding is witnessed in the current general strike of the building trades unions—20,000 strong. The employing interests in this case again hit upon murder as their weapon to beat the unions. They got the surprise of their life, in the general walkout which followed and which is pledged to complete organization of the building trades in the St. Louis area.

In congratulating St. Louis labor, the CIO strikers and their union, we can set it down for the record: LABOR UNITY IN STRUGGLE and MILITANCY can break through for the workers. Let labor everywhere make a note of that.

## Letters From Our Readers

Says Ban on C. P. Ballot Rights Incentive to Big Business War Drive

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The ban on the ballot rights of the Communist Party is definitely an incentive for the Administration and Big Business to head for war. Now, more than ever before, protests, telegrams, letters and demonstrations in all large cities and towns must be the order of the day as an answer by the people.

With Conscription bingo (wee, if you are the lucky one) taking place, WPA appropriations rapidly running out, increased activity by the fascist groups in this country, it is necessary to act for progress and the freedom that the American people have cherished over 150 years.

S. C.

Lauds 'Daily' for Charting Course in Chaotic World

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a wage earner I need every cent I earn toward the support of my three children, ailing mother and jobless brother, and yet I feel that I must and I do contribute to the New Masses and Daily Worker.

I liken these mediums to an improved X-ray equipment that not only exposes diseased spots of the body of the dying capitalism system, but also charts understandable courses in this chaotic world, it projects penetrating light into the near future.

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## Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Fingerprints Employees

An indication of how the moving picture industry, as all other industries, is playing its part in "national defense" is the new policy of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the fingerprinting of all employees.

In the first place, there's little doubt that the tactic is being carried out at the moment as a bit of intimidation against office workers who will vote this month on affiliation with the Screen Office Employees Guild. In the second place, the coppers doing the fingerprinting say it's a matter of "identification." Pressed further, they go into the "national defense" patter and say the real intent is to ferret out "fifth columnists."

One copy of the fingerprints is going to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the other copy staying in the company files. It has been carried on very quietly up until now. It's supposed to be a "voluntary" proposition. Imagine how far any of the intimidated employees would be willing to go in bucking the request. This is a matter for the guilds and unions to stop... but right now. Concerted action is needed on the problem, so it will be stopped before the practice becomes general in all studios. One thing for all employees to remember is this: There is no law as yet which requires that the employees of this industry to submit to this Gestapo tactic.

### Neutral... Like King George

The government is about to crack down on UFA, the German picture company which has been releasing Nazi propaganda films here. The FBI and State Department will claim UFA is a propaganda agency and as such should operate under Federal laws on such matters. That's good enough. The Fascist propaganda should be stopped.

But (and we're not being facetious or "super-left" when we say it), it strikes us as the height of inconsistency that the government should dub UFA as a German propaganda agency and fail to make Warner Brothers come under the provisions of the law on "foreign propaganda agents."

Warner Brothers will soon release a seven-minute short, "London Can Take It." The short is made by the British Ministry of Information and the deal was made directly between Harry Warner and British propaganda chief, Alfred Duff-Cooper. But it is still open British propaganda. It is being released through an American company.

Paramount's "World in Flames" is another example of this kind of propaganda.

## Election Broadcasts Over WOV at 3:45, WEA, 11:15

The New York State Election Committee of the Communist Party presents two election broadcasts today. At 3:45 in the afternoon, over WOV, 1180 kc. on the dial, Lena Bellocchio, for four years shop chair-lady in ILGWU, now housewife, addresses the Italian-American women voters on vital issues in the campaign. At 11:15 tonight, the Youth Division of the State Election Committee presents a half-hour program featuring talks by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Israel Amter and Johnnie Gates over WEA.

- MORNING**
- 8:45-WABC-Woman's Page of the Air
  - 9:30-WNYC-Around New York Today
  - 9:30-WNYC-Masterwork Hour
  - 9:30-WNYC-Condensed News
  - 9:30-WNYC-Woman of Tomorrow
  - 9:30-WNYC-Composers Hour
  - 9:30-WNYC-American School of the Air
  - 9:30-WNYC-Poly the Shopper
  - 9:45-WNYC-News
  - 10:00-WNYC-Children's Series
  - 10:00-WNYC-News
  - 10:15-WNYC-Amateur Singing Trio
  - 10:30-WNYC-Dance Music
  - 11:00-WNYC-News
  - 11:00-WNYC-Short Stories
  - 11:00-WNYC-Trans-Radio News
  - 11:00-WNYC-Ida Ball Allen's Woman's Hour
  - 11:00-WNYC-Hour of Request Music
  - 11:10-WNYC-Father Knickerbocker
  - 11:15-WNYC-Musical Comedy Memories
  - 11:15-WNYC-Woman's Program
  - 11:45-WNYC-You and Your Health
- AFTERNOON**
- 12:00-WNYC-Midday Symphony
  - 12:00-WNYC-Meet the Artists
  - 12:00-WNYC-Health Program
  - 12:00-WNYC-Character Analysis Program
  - 12:00-WNYC-U.P. News
  - 12:30-WNYC-Trans-Radio News
  - 12:30-WNYC-National Farm and Home Hour
  - 12:30-WNYC-David Love, News of Stage and Screen
  - 12:45-WNYC-Condensed News
  - 1:00-WNYC-Missing Persons Alarms
  - 1:00-WNYC-Economics Class from NYU
  - 1:15-WNYC-Easy Aces
  - 1:30-WNYC-Metropolitan Review
  - 1:30-WNYC-Dance Music
  - 1:45-WNYC-WJZ-A.P. News
  - 1:45-WNYC-Board of Education Program
  - 2:00-WNYC-News
  - 2:00-WNYC-Child Guidance Program
  - 2:00-WNYC-Racing News
  - 2:00-WNYC-Opera Hour
  - 2:15-WNYC-Echoes of History
  - 2:15-WNYC-U.P. News
  - 2:30-WNYC-Buffalo University Home-making Forum
  - 2:30-WNYC-Music of the Moment
  - 2:30-WNYC-Danceland
  - 2:30-WNYC-Dance Music
  - 2:30-WNYC-A.P. News
  - 2:30-WNYC-Education Forum
  - 2:45-WNYC-1180 Kc. Anna Bellocchio, Speaks to the Italian American Women Under the Auspices of the New York State Election Committee, Communist Party
  - 2:45-WNYC-News
  - 2:45-WNYC-Vic and Sade
  - 2:45-WNYC-Columbia Lecture Hall
  - 2:45-WNYC-News
  - 2:45-WNYC-U.P. News
  - 2:45-WNYC-Four Strings at 4
  - 2:45-WNYC-Hour of Symphonic Music
  - 4:15-WNYC-Club Matinee
  - 4:30-WNYC-Motion Picture Review
  - 4:45-WNYC-City College Program
  - 5:00-WNYC-News
  - 5:00-WNYC-NYA Talent Shop
  - 5:15-WNYC-Superman
  - 5:15-WNYC-Children's Hour
  - 5:15-WNYC-Musical Varieties
  - 5:30-WNYC-Charities, Negro Male Quartet
  - 5:30-WNYC-Stories in Music in Cooperation with New York Public Library
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## Their Songs Are No Longer Sad

### Buryat Mongolian Dramatic Festival In Soviet Capital

By Janet Weaver  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW.—The bell rings and the people hurry to their seats as the lights go out. The faint strains of music rise from the orchestra pit, music filled with old songs heard in the mountains and steppes of Buryat Mongolia, sons of the wandering nomads, songs of sadness and sorrow and three hundred years of oppression.

It rises to a crescendo as the curtain goes up. Before us stretches a green steppe with mountains rising in the background. Men, women and children dressed in colorful oriental dress of Buryat Mongolia sit on rocks or stand talking in groups. It is a holiday occasion, for the men led by the national hero, Balhar, are preparing for a hunting trip. The music dies down and comes up again as an old man begins to sing. This is the opening scene of the four act musical drama, "Balhar," based on the old Buryat Mongolian legend about the struggles of Balhar and his people against the Khan.

It is one of the musical dramas in the repertory of the Buryat Mongolian state drama theater which is in Moscow for a ten day festival beginning October 20. The group is made up of 45 actors of musical drama, 85 ballet dancers; 80 musicians; 150 singers of the state chorus and students of local music and theatrical schools.

The Buryat Mongolian Theater is one of the youngest national theaters of the Soviet Union. Organized in Ulan-Ude, capital of the republic in 1932, with a small group of young graduates from the theater school, it has grown steadily and today is a big collective.

The first productions were short one-act plays written by young playwrights, later they produced modernized versions of old plays and in 1937 "Othello." Assistance was given in the early days by the experienced actors, musicians and dancers from Moscow, Leningrad and other Soviet cities. In 1937 a musical drama group was organized and "Balhar" was their first production.

The opening of Earl Carroll's Theater here was delayed a year and a half ago when the musicians' union took action against him. He recently closed rather than pay a living wage to his waiters, who struck. Now, the American Guild of Variety Artists has a couple of wrinkles to iron out before he can reopen. If he wants to reopen.

### Folk Music Collector

People's Artist of Buryat Mongolia Hombot Tsidenghamon, is one of the oldest actors and one of the organizers of the group. He started his theatrical career soon after the foundation of the Buryat Mongolian Republic. For years after studying in music school, he went from place to place trying to revive an art lost by his people during the period of domination by the lamas and tsarist colonizers. He stopped in villages, played his violin under the open sky around the campfires to many shepherds and farmers who came to listen to him. He played and the people sang their own songs. He tried to remember each melody he heard and thus recorded the old songs of the people.

### Group Theatre to Open In Irwin Shaw Play

The Group Theatre will open its tenth season on Dec. 3 with a comedy, "Retreat to Pleasure," by Irwin Shaw, author of the recent success, "Gentle People." As usual, benefits will be sold at a low price during the first three weeks of the run.

### With Philharmonie

Gregor Platigorsky will play the Egar "Cello Concerto" with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, Saturday evening, November 8, and Sunday afternoon, November 10.

### FATHER OF A PEOPLE'S HERO



The famed actor Gutnyov as he appears in the role of Khutorma, the foster-father of Balhar, legendary hero of Buryat-Mongolia. The musical drama "Balhar" is presented in a festival of Buryat-Mongolian art and culture now being held in Moscow.

corded the old songs of the people. Now we hear these same songs in the music of the orchestra.

The history of the Buryat Mongolian people is filled with pages of horror. The yoke under which the

## Epidemics Raged in Army Camps During World War

When the Nazis came to power in Germany, this event was almost immediately reflected in the German medical journals by an ever mounting number of articles on military medicine which crowded out other research. The drive toward war and Nazism in the United States is causing the American medical journals to appear more warlike in the same manner.

An example of this is a recent issue of the highly respectable "Annals of Internal Medicine." Some of the facts brought out in the various militaristic articles are of interest to readers of the Daily Worker.

In the present draft, young men stream together into each campment from thousands of different communities. Many men bring with them infectious diseases which are present in their home communities but against which the folks at home have developed resistance. Tens of thousands of soldiers are crowded together with their hundreds of diseases and the fun begins.

Johnny Green from Oshkosh, Wis., brings influenza. Bill Jenkins of Corona, Kansas, contributes pneumonia germs. Al Fuller from the Bronx brings along some diphtheria, and so forth. The virulent germs mix in the heavy air of the barracks and said air becomes dynamic ready to cause an explosive epidemic at the first favorable opportunity.

During the World War the draft and military training in American camps was carried out with so little regard for the health of the men that very severe epidemics raged through the army from one end to the other. There were three million admissions to the hospitals for illness and 38,000 deaths from disease compared to 50,000 due to battle. And most of these boys died without leaving American soil.

The pay-tricks were so concerned with the greedy scramble for profits that they neglected facilities for the boys to fight for them. The barracks were often overcrowded, drafty, poorly heated, and poorly ventilated. These factors laid the groundwork for the terrible epidemics.

This shameful situation must not be allowed to develop again to mow down our young marines. It is up to the draftees themselves to see that the instructions in the official army textbook, "Military Preventive Medicine" by Colonel Dunham, are carried out by army officials.

The bds should be at least five feet apart, all rooms end barracks should be comfortably heated but not overheated, and there should be plenty of ventilation but no drafts. Enough room should be allowed per

### Art and Culture Reflected in Life Of Freed Peoples

The women were valued less than the cattle. No Buryat Mongolian school existed and only about four per cent of the people were literate. For three hundred years the Buryat Mongolian people lived under tsarist oppression and each year, each century brought more suffering. Time and time again they sent their representatives to the tsarist officials and even to the tsar himself seeking justice and protection.

The one time they received an answer to their appeals was in 1904 when General Kuropatkin, the tsar's minister of war was passing through Chita on his way to the Far East. The people sent a delegation to him with complaints against the tyranny of the local authorities. His reply was: "Bear in mind that should your people be disorderly, you will be the ones to answer. If, however, your people should get it into their minds, which God forbid, to take any sort of liberties, to disobey the orders of the tsar, let it be known to you that you will immediately be wiped off the face of the earth... you will be beaten down and exterminated in the twinkling of an eye. You dare not demand anything. All you may do is beg for favors."

### Art Reflects A New Life

Finally in 1930 when the Red Army freed Siberia from Kolchak and the Semenov bands and from Japanese intervention, the Buryat Mongolian SSR was established and a new life began for the people. The growth of the Buryat Mongolian art as seen in their music and drama reflects the growth of the people and their republic. On the expanses where the cattle formerly wandered freely and where there were only scattered nomad tents, there are now thousands of collective farms. The old felt tents have been replaced by new houses. Schools, hospitals, clubs and theaters have been built. The chief economy of the republic is stock breeding but during the twenty years of Soviet power the industrial production of the Republic has increased by more than 44 times.

### Art Notes

John Groth will deliver a lecture entitled, "Cartooning," at the Art Students League, 215 West 57th St. at 8:30 tonight. The lecture will cover the history and development of the cartoon, from earliest times to the present, and will be illustrated with Kodachrome slides in full color. Admission is free.

Alexander Abels, pupil of Max Doerner and an authority on the techniques and pigments used in painting, will deliver a series of seven lectures on "Painting Materials and Techniques," beginning Nov. 7, and weekly thereafter, at the Art Students League, 215 West 57th St., at 8 P. M. in the League Gallery. The lectures will include complete demonstrations of all phases of preparation of materials. The series of 7, \$4.50. Single lectures, 75 cents.

## History Rebunked by War Crowd in 'World in Flames'

WORLD IN FLAMES, a Paramount Picture, produced by Albert J. Richard. Written and directed by William C. Park.

By Milton Meltzer

This is Paramount's history of the last decade. They went through their file of newsreel clips, picked out the outstanding events, and wrote a commentary "to explain them." It's Roosevelt's history, and Wilkie's too. Blurbs of both candidates are splashed all over the lobbies and newspaper ads. Every American should see "World in Flames," they insist, and it's easy to understand why. The purpose of the picture is to build up mass support for the armaments program.

Its history is the history of the March of Time's "The Ramparts We Watch." It is history rebunked. The bunk is not in the newsreel shots themselves but in the commentary written around them. It is an old and halfwitted device to manufacture history by a loud and impressive voice that distorts the meaning of the accompanying pictures. And here it has been worked to the limit. You get there in the dark and watch the market crash and the Hoovervilles pimple the face of the country and headlines straggle around the world. Then the Smiler appears at the mike and the country grabs the NRA. Off on the other side of the earth Japanese troops swarm into Manchuria. The Reichstag burns and books burn in Germany and secretly Goering begins glider instruction for the new Hitler Youth. Ethiopia and Austria and Spain and Munich and Czechoslovakia and Albania and the last flowering of the Second Imperialis War in Poland.

It's those events, or rather a glimpse of one or two aspects of them, that you see down through Norway and the Low Countries and France and today's bombing of Britain. Now the faces of the dictators, now Chamberlain or Churchill, and then the soldiers and finally the people, the victims of all this. But nothing is explained. The origin of these events, the men and forces responsible for bringing this to pass, go unnamed or are lied about. The total effect is that things are as they are because they are that way. Except that the Dictators got in a lot of dirty, murderous work. All good people should hate dictators, so come on, you Americans, go out and kill those rats. It is Nicholas Murray Butler's "war between beasts and human beings."

## Jacob Kainen's Work On Exhibit at ACA

Jacob Kainen, Nicolai Cikovsky, Joseph Solman, and work by members of the American Artists' Congress are among the twenty-odd exhibits which are on view this week in New York art galleries. Last Friday, in Pittsburgh, the Carnegie Institute opened its annual show. The Whitney

Museum of American Art will show, beginning Tuesday, mural sketches. Jacob Kainen's is a first one-man show. I saw his work for the first time about five years ago in a John Reed Club exhibition. Since then he has been exhibiting irregularly in groups, each time showing work slightly different and a little better. Now he comes forward with an excellent group of paintings, all rich in color, calm and cool in mood. He is an individual painter who has already found himself and knows what he wants to do. His color and design are exceptionally fitted to his subjects, mostly concerned with people waiting for something to happen. This feeling, that it is all a transitory period, is one of the strong points in the exhibition.

### American Artists Congress Show

Also at the ACA, there is the work by members of the American Artists' Congress. It is the Congress' annual low-priced show, prices ranging from \$10 to \$25 and splendid bargains are to be had for the benefit of the organization. Among the artists who have contributed are William Gropper, Joe Jones, Philip Evergood, A. Walker, Moses Soyer, Tachachasov, Sol Wilson, Harry Gottlieb, Carl Fortess, Elizabeth Olds, H. Gilman, Stella Buchwald, Minna Harkavy, Aaron Goodenman, Louis Ribak, James Grunbaum, Jane Rogers, Helen West Heller, Morris Newburgh, Zolton Hecht, E. Trubach, Mervin Jules, Irving Lehman, Judson Briggs and Beatrice Mandelman.

Nicolai Cikovsky's show is at the Associated American Artists' Gallery and Joseph Solman's at the Artists' Gallery. The two shows had not opened in time to be seen before this column is written.

### War Hampers Carnegie Show

It is interesting to note that the Carnegie exhibition has not received the extraordinary attention the Carnegie shows had received in former years. The reason for it is that the international aspect is missing. The war has made it impossible to show contemporary European work and so the exhibition is an all-American affair: "A Survey of American Painting." The reviews about the work are concerned chiefly with artists that are safely dead.

Other exhibitions opening this week are paintings by Quila Brodhead at the Passadok Gallery, early paintings by Chirico at Matise's sculpture by Frederic Littman at Lilienfeld's glass murals by Joep Nicholas at the Holland House, paintings by Lella Sawyer at Vendome Gallery and Valeria Swann at Contemporary Arts Gallery.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art announced the resignation of H. W. Kent who has been the Museum's secretary since 1919. . . . Nahum Tachachasov and Herl Emanuel are now producing slides in full color of works of contemporary American artists for an album which will be made available to all educational institutions. . . . The Butler Art Institute announces its sixth annual show. The selection committee consists of Doris Lee, Grant Wood and Hobson Pittman. Entries are limited to oils and water colors and should be submitted before Dec. 8 at Youngstown, Ohio. The faculty of School of the Art Institute of Chicago announces the appointment of Peppino Mangravite as an instructor. . . . The Rache collection has reopened to visitors. Admission is by card obtained, free of charge, by writing to the Curator.

### School Editors Invited To 'Big White Fog'

Drama editors of College and School publications will be admitted to the Friday night (November 1st) performance of "Big White Fog," at the Lincoln Theatre, 135th Street and Lenox Avenue, in Harlem, upon the presentation of proper credentials. A letter of introduction and a copy of the publication must be handed in at the box office, in exchange for tickets, the theatre announces.

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## News in World Of the Stage And Screen

"The Great Dictator" will not be shown anywhere in America until the summer of 1941 except at advanced admission prices. "The Great Dictator," having already had its world premiere at the Astor and Capitol Theatres in New York, will shortly be released in a number of other cities.

Paramount has purchased Ernest Hemingway's newest novel for the record price of \$100,000, twice what Margaret Mitchell received for "Gone With the Wind."

Tap dancing with social significance is now being taught at New Theatre School, 110 West 47th St., under the direction of Adele Jerome, who was dance director for "Pins and Needles." Students at present include a barber, a stenographer, a young actor, a housewife and a trade union organizer. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 P. M. and tuition is \$10 for 15 weeks. Registration is still open. A few places are still left for students in the class taught by Benno Schneider in "Problems of Young Directors," which begins Nov. 1, and meets every other Friday evening from 7 to 9.

His first film completed, Orson Welles, the one-man motion picture studio, is making a lecture tour of 10 cities. Welles, who is under contract to RKO Studio as a producer, director, writer and actor, finished "Citizen Kane" last week.

The Miami Playhouse is reviving a series of silent films. The opening feature, now playing, stars Rudolph Valentino in his last and most popular film, "The Eagle," a romantic comedy drama, based upon Alexander Pushkin's classic. Directed by Clarence Brown, produced in 1926 and has Vilma Banky and Louise Dresser in the feminine leads. "The Eagle" is presented through the courtesy of Emil C. Jensen, of Art Cinema Associates. Other subjects on this program, scheduled for a week's run, are the fifteenth and concluding installment of "Plunder," starring Pearl White and Warren William; a Western thriller called "Fighting It Out," with Noel Gibson; and Charlie Chaplin in "The Bonehead."

"The Maestro," a twenty-minute film concert in which Ignace Jan Paderewski plays three compositions, "Second Hungarian Rhapsody" by Liszt, "Sonata Quasi Fantasia" by Beethoven and "Polonaise in A Flat Major" by Chopin, is now being shown at the World Theatre, with "The Baker's Wife," which is in its thirty-seventh week.

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# BATES BLASTS STORY THAT HE 'DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY' IN OPEN LETTER TO N. Y. U. STUDENTS

## Negro Star Says He Has Right to Play; Mass Meeting Today

Leonard Bates yesterday stripped the New York University athletic authorities of one of their chief pretexts in the attempt to keep him out of the Missouri game next Saturday by issuing an open letter to the student body expressing his complete willingness and desire to play in the game.

The Negro halfback, whose right to play has been supported by more than 3,500 students who signed petitions, prominent athletes, coaches and educators, issued his statement so that everyone could understand just how he felt about the tremendous campaign against Jim Crow and his right to play. His statement, released to the student body and all newspapers, ended with the unequivocal statement:

"I believe that if I am capable of qualifying for a position on my college football team, it is my unquestionable right to participate in any game in which the University takes place."

A mass meeting has been called for today by the All University Bates Must Play Committee for 12 o'clock in front of the main building at Washington Square.

The NYU athletic office had previously featured the fact that Bates, in a letter to the Negro Culture Group, had said, "When I entered NYU it was explained to me in a perfectly friendly manner by the University Board of Athletic Control that a series of games had been arranged between NYU and Missouri in which I would be unable to participate."

The fact that this acquiescence to discrimination in the Missouri game was obviously a condition of Bates' athletic scholarship, was pointed out by the All University Committee. Now Bates makes it clear for all that he not only considers it his right to play, but wants to play against Missouri.

The sensational statement was expected to lend a greater weight to the mass rally today, which is supported by approximately 30 student organizations.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENTS OF N. Y. U.

I should like to express my personal feelings at this time, and I do this with the hope that everyone interested will understand how I feel about my playing in the New York University-Missouri game in Columbia, Missouri, on November 2.

I have always loved all sports. To me, the meaning of sportsmanship has been keen, wholesome competition based on the ideal of, may the best team or the best athlete win.

As an athlete, I have always been, not only willing, but eager to compete against any athlete or team, regardless of race, or color. I believe that if I am capable or qualifying for a position on my college football team, it is my unquestionable right to participate in any game in which the University takes part.

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## The Pinch Hitter

• Running Thru the News  
• Harris to Replace Vitt?

By Bill Newton

Milt Piepul's folks from his home town of Thompsonville, Conn., will be at the Stadium Saturday when the Notre Dame-Army clash comes off, so Coach Elmer Layden says he's "going to try to use him if I can," even though the crack full-back sustained a hip injury in the Illinois game.

Milt has been relieved from all practice sessions at South Bend this week.

A three per cent rise in forward passing efficiency last Sunday brought the National Football League's Aerial average up to 42 per cent for the season, which is pitching any way you look at it.

The Washington Redskins—with Sammy Baugh and Frank Fildes doing the hurling—show the way with 79 completions in 132 tosses to give them an average of 59 per cent. Philadelphia, paced by Davey O'Brien, is second with 90 completions out of 218 attempts for 41 per cent.

The Redskins not only lead in passing, but in scoring and ground-gaining as well. That explains why they're still unbeaten.

Tommy Harmon increased his lead Saturday in the national scoring race to 87 points. Oddly enough, his nearest competitor is Frank Reagan, whose failure to come through in the Michigan-Penn encounter was so costly to the Red and Blue. Reagan has 61 points. Thurman Jones of Abilene Christian (Texas) holds down third place, with 57 markers. Unfortunately for Pennsylvania, it failed to live up to its colors Saturday. George Munger's team was blue. But Tommy Harmon was red hot.

Yankee fans are wondering about Lefty Gomez's fate. The Castilian curver had the worst season of his career in 1940, and hardly pitched a ball all year.

Although Gomez is only 30, which is not old for a pitcher, he seems to have pitched himself out in the last two seasons, and his "fireball" now is just a remnant of what it once was.

If Lefty manages to survive Joe McCarthy's shakeup, one thing is certain. He's going to take an awful salary cut.

Brooklyn fans are all excited. Their Dodgers play the Giants Sunday at Ebbets Field, and expect to win for the first time since 1930.

No, we're not crazy. It's not baseball—it's football, and that veteran Gomanne traveler, Dr. Jock Sutherland, is being banked

on to bring home the bacon. Who said "next year?"

Bucky Harris is rumored to be the leading candidate to succeed Ossie Vitt as manager of the Cleveland Indians. Others being considered are Luke Sewell, Indian coach; Roger Peckinpaugh, former Cleveland mentor; Roger Hornsby, and Mickey Cochrane.

Harris is said to have called the Indians "rats" after they rebelled against Vitt, and would probably not be much of a choice as far as the players are concerned.

But who said they'll be asked?

Bill Overlin, UCLA fullback, is a cousin of Ken Overlin, middleweight champ of New York State, anyway) who fights Steve Belloise for the title at the Garden Friday.

It would be unkind, and untrue, to suggest that Ken could use a backfield when he gets in there, however. Even if he did, he used to play on an all-star Navy eleven himself.—B. N.

### WHAT, ALREADY?

## CCNY's Loaded '5' to Open Garden Season

Heavy Intersectional Schedule Released as Ye Scribes Meet Early; Holman Has Rafts of Talent

The first faint and premature sounds of the approaching basketball season were heard yesterday when the court scribes convened in the first Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, pondered over the Irish 1940-41 Garden schedule of doubleheaders and heard their first moans and groans from their reliably pessimistic coaches.

The Garden season will open on Saturday night, December 14th, when the loaded CCNY five meets the Oklahoma Aggies and Long Island again takes on the towering plumes of Oregon. There will be sixteen twin bills all told, culminating in the fourth invitation tourney.

Twenty-one teams from every section of the country will come in to spice up the program. Newcomers will include the famous Kansas team of Phog Allen, and Rhode Island State's perennial high scoring outfit.

Main interest in the post dinner gabfest centered around the prospects of CCNY, which is shooting for its greatest season since the lush days of the 20's with a raft of



ALL READY!  
(Nat Holman)

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Heavy Intersectional Schedule Released as Ye Scribes Meet Early; Holman Has Rafts of Talent

The first faint and premature sounds of the approaching basketball season were heard yesterday when the court scribes convened in the first Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, pondered over the Irish 1940-41 Garden schedule of doubleheaders and heard their first moans and groans from their reliably pessimistic coaches.

The Garden season will open on Saturday night, December 14th, when the loaded CCNY five meets the Oklahoma Aggies and Long Island again takes on the towering plumes of Oregon. There will be sixteen twin bills all told, culminating in the fourth invitation tourney.

Twenty-one teams from every section of the country will come in to spice up the program. Newcomers will include the famous Kansas team of Phog Allen, and Rhode Island State's perennial high scoring outfit.

Main interest in the post dinner gabfest centered around the prospects of CCNY, which is shooting for its greatest season since the lush days of the 20's with a raft of

### WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are the per line (6 words to a line—5 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

**Tonight**  
SAMUEL SHAPIRO will speak on "Congress and Civil Liberties." At the Gallery, 79 E. 10th St., Aup. Tom Mooney Branch, I.L.D. 8:30 P.M.

**ELECTION RALLY!** I. Amter, Moishe Katz, co-editor Freiheit, Van Veen, Admission Free! Frances Manor, Sutter and Alabama, Brooklyn. Aup. 22nd AD. 8 P.M.

**Coming**  
BALLAD EVENING! Sunday, Nov. 10. Woody, Will Ozer, Leadbelly, and others at the Palm Garden, 12nd St. West of 8th Ave. Benefits available. New Theatre League, 110 W. 47th St. CH. 4-8196.

**Newark, N. J.**  
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, in person. Earl Browder, will speak by electrical transcription at Mass Rally, New night, November 1st, 8 P.M. at Krueger's Auditorium, 25 Belmont Ave.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
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## Columbia Isn't Going Up to Cornell to Lose

### Gridstuff

The foot bounced back into football in a large way over the weekend, deciding at least eight important games. . . . St. Mary's beat Fordham, Syracuse nosed Columbia and Brown took Holy Cross by the margin of a field goal. . . . Dartmouth, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Washington, and Tulane scored one point victories with the kick after touchdowns. . . . Manders and Artoe of the Chicago Bears sent three straight kickoffs squarely between the goal posts Sunday. . . . Coach Mal Stevens of N.Y.U. says Georgetown's sophomore Jack Doolan is another Albie Booth. . . . In losing the last four straight, N.Y.U. has lost as many this year as any complete season since Stevens took the helm in 1934. . . .

Coach Harry Mehre at Mississippi says Arkansas has the biggest team he ever saw. . . . California has a peculiar record for the last four games, winning two 9-6 and 9-7, losing two 9-6 and 7-6. . . . Eastern experts are criticizing Francis Schmidt for the complexity of Ohio State's offense. . . . The Buckeyes appeared bewildered when they couldn't gain after that first period march against Cornell. . . . Spectators are still wondering what Schmidt expected to accomplish by sending two full teams on the field before the kickoff. . . . 22 men went into a huddle, broke away just as if going to line up and run with the kick, then half of them stepped over the sideline just before the referee's whistle for the kickoff. . . .

Navy Coach Swede Larson says the Middles are a lot stronger than the 21-0 count over Yale indicated. . . . Eighteen TCU footballers were old enough to register for the draft.

### Lions Are Aiming to Cut Loose All Barrels for Upset Win—Held Ithaca to 13-7 in '39, Are Better This Year

Columbia's little band of Lions is grimly going about the business of preparing to shock the football world Saturday at Ithaca, when they meet the Big Red of Cornell, rated the number one grid combine in the land.

### Belloise, Overlin Winding Up

It will be youth against age—and punching power versus experience—when Steve Belloise hooks up with Ken Overlin, middleweight champ, Friday night at the Garden. The Bronx boy will not be 22 until Dec. 16, has been boxing only about two and a half years, and has had 33 fights. Overlin is 30 years old, has been fighting 13 years, and has gone to the wars 181 times.

Both boys wind up their hard training grinds today, Ken at Madame Bey's in Summit, N. J., Belloise at the Pioneer Gym here. Overlin will weigh in at about 160, while Belloise will tip the beam at around 155.

### Fight Results

(ST. NICK'S)—Frankie Bove, 125, Newark, N. J., outpointed Lou Barbetta, 121½, New York (8); Phil Brubaker, 200, Dinuba, Calif., knocked out Chuck Jennings, 206, Elmira, N. Y. (3).

NEWARK—Will Reddish, 195, Philadelphia, outpointed Al Delaney, 190, Canada (10); Steve Hostak, 154, Newark, N. J., outpointed Russ Golding, 151, Elizabeth, N. J. (6).

Last year the Lions, tackling hard and playing with the astonishing drive up front that a Little team can generate for one given game, held the highly favored Cornellians to a 13-7 victory. And they're a better ball club this year, despite the 3-0 loss to Syracuse last week.

Nobody has done any breakaway running through Columbia's sturdy line so far, and with Snively and Wood backing up such worthies as Levy, Maack, Seigal et al, it will take all Cornell's vaunted power to go places overland. The air lanes are more susceptible, and that is where Cornell will probably have to strike to win this game, which incidentally, Coach Snively doesn't underestimate on little bit.

Three spots in the Lion backfield are set with Wood, Will and De Augustinis. Governal, injured passing star, and Gerhmann, will alternate in the tailback spot, with Les Stanczyk also slated for some duty. The whole bewildering array of spinners and laterals will be unveiled by Columbia for the first time this week.—L. R.

### That N. D. Score

The 600 students accompanying Notre Dame to New York for the Army game Saturday must be coming for the ride. . . . However, Elmer Layden doesn't figure to allow his Irish horde to trounce the Cadets too severely. . . . It would hurt next year's gate.

## Long Distance View Sees Tigers Very Unlikely to Repeat in 1941

DETROIT, Oct. 29 (UP).—With the opening of the next baseball season only a little more than five months away I'm sorry to be so late with this analysis of Detroit's chances of successfully defending its American League championship in 1941.

It's a simple analysis, too, because boiled down to its essential oils it is nothing more than this: The Tigers have just about as much chance of repeating as Hitler has of winning the Nobel Peace Prize. All they lack in the way of equipment is three-fourths of an infield, one-third of an outfield, and a pitching staff strong enough to give Bob Newsum time enough off to get a shave, shine and haircut once a month.

No team ever won an American League championship with as bad a second base combination as the Tigers did this year. Al Barrell could do toward the close of the season was to holler, and Gehringer was too tired and too full of aches to do even that. Nevertheless, the Tigers combination of 1941 figures to be even worse, what with Croucher replacing Barrell and Meyer taking over Gehringer's old stand.

Croucher has talent enough to be

a whale of a shortstop but he is scared to death of a major league uniform. Throw him against minor leaguers in spring exhibitions and he is sensational. But he gets buck fever when working against majors.

As for Meyer, he is a victim of the football he played in college. He is muscle bound about the shoulders and chest and can't throw. The Detroit club has a engaged an osteopath to work on Meyer each day until he reports for spring training in the hope of loosening him up. If this doesn't work the Tigers may have to bring up the osteopath and play him, infielders being as scarce as they are these days.

The big Indian, York, is the only man really set in the Tiger infield. Higgins had a great year at third but he is getting no younger, as who is?

The Tiger outfield is fine as long as you don't look toward right field. Greenberg will be in left and the best young outfielder in baseball, McCoskey, in center. The Tigers used four right fielders this year—Averill, Campbell, Fox, and Stainback. Next year they'll probably have to use five.

The catching will be all right. Better than all right, as a matter of fact, because in Sullivan and Tebbetts the Tigers have the best

pair of catchers in the league. The pitching staff has lots of names but little stuff. Newsum, of course, is terrific. He'll probably be better next year than he was this season, now that he has finally learned to do more than just rear back and chuck the ball past the hitters.

Rowe's world series collapse indicated that he may be through for good. Trout's collapse indicated that he never did have much and that only the patience of manager Baker has kept him around this long. Bridges was a once-a-week worker this year and probably will need a fortnight of rest next summer.

The pitching hope is Giebell, the youngster who whipped Cleveland in the game that clinched the pennant for the Tigers. No one around here feels that Hutchinson, for whom the Tigers gave \$50,000 and five players, ever will be a ball of fire.

The only way the Tigers could repeat would be for the Yankees and the Indians to refuse to improve themselves over the winter. That is, to stay just as inept as they were this year. The Yanks are a cinch to refuse to be this considerate, and the Indians, given a new manager to fight with, probably will be tougher.

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